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OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

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OF

MINNESOTA

AT THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

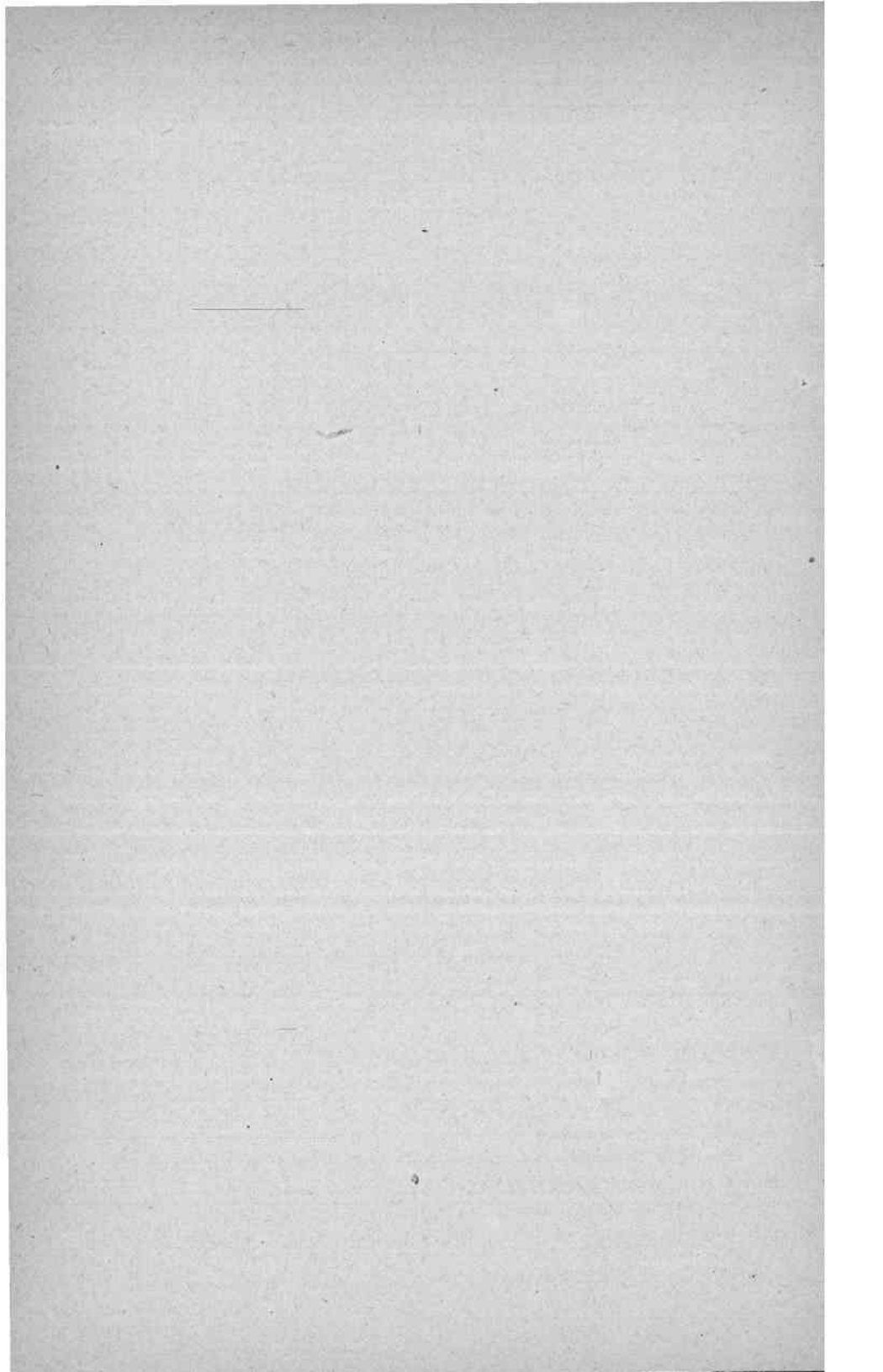
HELD AT

ST. PAUL, JANUARY 12 AND 13, 1898.

M.: W.: ALONZO T. STEBBINS, Rochester, Grand Master.
R.: W.: THOMAS MONTGOMERY, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL THE LODGES.

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FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

FIRST DAY.

St. Paul, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1898.

The forty-fifth annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota was held in Masonic Hall, St. Paul, commencing at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 12, A. D. 1898, A. L. 5898.

The Grand Master, assisted by other Grand Officers present, opened a lodge of Master Masons preparatory to the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of lodges, reporting 195 represented out of 205 on the roll.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in Ample Form, prayer being offered by Bro. E. B. Chase of Lake City, Acting Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Irving Todd and Thos. H. Warren as his assistants.

Bros. Thos. Montgomery, Irving Todd, and Thos. H. Warren were appointed the Committee on Credentials, who in a

short time submitted their report, which was accepted, and the Committee continued to make additions and corrections. The corrected report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Credentials report that there are present 15 Grand Officers, 23 permanent members, and 330 representatives of 195 out of 205 chartered lodges (including 82 proxies), as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: W.: James F. Lawless.....	Grand Master
R.: W.: Alonzo T. Stebbins.....	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Alonzo Brandenburg.....	Senior Grand Warden
R.: W.: John H. Randall.....	Junior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Joseph H. Thompson.....	Grand Treasurer
R.: W.: Thomas Montgomery.....	Grand Secretary
W.: Henry R. Adams.....	Senior Grand Deacon
W.: Jared G. Wheeler.....	Junior Grand Deacon
W.: Joseph C. Henry.....	Grand Marshal
W.: Ed. H. Folsom.....	Grand Standard Bearer
W.: Henry O. Hilton.....	Grand Sword Bearer
W.: Herbert D. Jenckes.....	Senior Grand Steward
W.: Harry E. Wertz.....	Junior Grand Steward
W.: John D. Carroll.....	Grand Pursuivant
W.: Jean C. Fischer.....	Grand Tyler

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Past Grand Masters—Charles W. Nash, Charles Griswold, E. W. Durant, Henry R. Wells, Henry R. Denny, R. H. Gove, Jacob A. Kiestler, Alphonso Barto, W. F. Dickinson, C. L. Brown.

Past Deputy Grand Masters—Wm. T. Rigby, Geo. H. Davis, Chas. L. West.

Past Senior Grand Wardens—Thos. J. Lombard, Samuel E. Adams, Edgar Nash, Chas. D. Boyce.

Past Junior Grand Wardens—William Lee, E. P. Barnum, Albert Marden, H. C. Shepard, Wm. B. Patton, James D. Markham.

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Johns, No. 1.....	Louis L. Manwaring, W.: M.: Thos. H. Warren, proxy for J.: W.:
Cataract, No. 2.....	Roland H. Hartley, W.: M.: B. H. Timberlake, S.: W.: John Friend, J.: W.:

St. Paul, No. 3.....	James J. Earley, W.: M.: Lemuel Churchill, S.: W.:
Hennepin, No. 4.....	Ralph D. Webb, W.: M.: A. K. Norton, S.: W.: E. E. Peterson, J.: W.:
Ancient Landmark, No. 5....	Elman L. Spencer, W.: M.: I. B. B. Sprague, proxy for S.: W.: P. C. Williams, J.: W.:
Dakota, No. 7.....	G. A. Emerson, W.: M.: Irving Todd, proxy for S.: W.: C. W. Munroe, proxy for J.: W.:
Red Wing, No. 8.....	Dwight M. Baldwin, W.: M.:
Faribault, No. 9.....	Walter Birch, proxy for W.: M.: F. Anderegg, J.: W.:
Mantorville, No. 11.....	J. E. Whitney, W.: M.: J. E. Burdick, J.: W.:
Mankato, No. 12.....	Jean A. Flittie, W.: M.: H. McMurtrie, proxy for S.: W.: Paul L. Vranizan, J.: W.:
Wapahasa, No. 14.....	W. L. Lewark, proxy for S.: W.:
Monticello, No. 16.....	M. J. Kingsbury, W.: M.: H. M. Piper, proxy for S.: W.:
Hokah, No. 17.....	A. J. Snure, W.: M.:
Winona, No. 18.....	G. P. Tawney, W.: M.: O. M. Botsford, S.: W.: W.: W. J. Smith, J.: W.:
Minneapolis, No. 19.....	H. M. Myers, proxy for W.: M.: H. D. Dickinson, proxy for S.: W.:
Caledonia, No. 20.....	Moses Emery, W.: M.:
Rochester, No. 21.....	John M. Rowley, W.: M.: Chas. E. Callaghan, S.: W.: A. D. Vedder, proxy for J.: W.:
Pleasant Grove, No. 22.....	George Fordham, S.: W.:
North Star, No. 23.....	J. C. Munro, proxy for W.: M.:
Wilton, No. 24.....	Not represented.
Western Star, No. 26.....	G. W. Geesey, S.: W.:
Blue Earth Valley, No. 27....	W. W. Quiggle, W.: M.:
Clear Water, No. 28.....	C. D. Whittemore, W.: M.: C. D. Keene, S.: W.:
Morning Star, No. 29.....	J. W. Welch, W.: M.: D. A. Webster, J.: W.:
Anoka, No. 30.....	O. L. Cutter, proxy for W.: M.: Everett Hammons, J.: W.:
King Hiram, No. 31.....	Lewis U. Boyle, W.: M.:
Sakatah, No. 32.....	Geo. W. McConkey, W.: M.: H. E. Blair, proxy for S.: W.:

Star in the East, No. 33.....	Hans Anderson, W.: M.: C. J. Balch, S.: W.:
Oriental, No. 34.....	Charles S. Smith, W.: M.: Nels N. Monson, S.: W.: L. A. Rosing, proxy for J.: W.:
Mt. Moriah, No. 35.....	A. M. Adsit, W.: M.:
Preston, No. 36.....	Harry M. Wells, W.: M.:
Mystic Tie, No. 37.....	W. W. Jewell, proxy for W.: M.:
Washington, No. 38.....	D. C. Gardner, W.: M.: H. W. Severns, proxy for J.: W.:
Fidelity, No. 39.....	Fred B. Wood, W.: M.: Wm. H. Adams, S.: W.: A. C. Page, proxy for J.: W.:
Carnelian, No. 40.....	E. B. Chase, M.: W.: J. W. Kennedy, proxy for S.: W.: T. A. Carr, J.: W.:
Hermon, No. 41.....	E. Woodbury, W.: M.:
Hope, No. 42.....	Nelson Hassan, W.: M.:
Harmony, No. 43.....	Lewis J. Baldwin, W.: M.:
King Solomon, No. 44.....	Chas. G. Hinds, W.: M.: John H. Isenhour, S.: W.:
Union, No. 45.....	E. F. Barrett, W.: M.: Francis Cadwell, proxy for S.: W.:
Evergreen, No. 46.....	Herbert B. Clawson, W.: M.:
Concord, No. 47.....	W. C. Davis, W.: M.: W. O. Shuey, S.: W.: M. A. Hill, J.: W.:
Social, No. 48.....	H. O. Dilley, W.: M.:
Rising Sun, No. 49.....	C. H. Foss, W.: M.:
Watertown, No. 50.....	Guy E. Halgren, J.: W.:
Acacia, No. 51.....	Irving T. Morey, W.: M.: Peter Thompson, J.: W.:
Cannon River, No. 52.....	George Mohm, proxy for W.: M.: Wm. L. Eddy, S.: W.:
Nicollet, No. 54.....	Gid S. Ives, W.: M.:
Zion, No. 55.....	Aug. J. Anderson, S.: W.: Ernest Leskie, J.: W.:
Meridian, No. 56.....	W. W. Murphy, W.: M.: John H. Kingsley, S.: W.: Wm. Strafford, proxy for J.: W.:
Blue Earth City, No. 57.....	J. H. Sprout, W.: M.:
Spring Valley, No. 58.....	G. M. Warren, proxy for W.: M.: B. F. Farmer, proxy for S.: W.:
Temple, No. 59.....	H. L. Merrill, W.: M.:
Star in the West, No. 60.....	H. S. Doty, W.: M.: Chas. S. Allen, proxy for J.: W.:

Ashler, No. 61.....	George L. Wood, W. M. Edwin Dunn, proxy for S. W. Ernest Berlingame, J. W.
Star, No. 62.....	Not represented.
Illustrious, No. 63.....	Frank A. Wells, W. M. Augustus Smith, proxy for J. W.
Chain Lake, No. 64.....	Valentine Wohlhuter, W. M. Henry Rippe, J. W.
Golden Rule, No. 65.....	Frank Jackson, W. M.
Madelia, No. 66.....	J. E. Haycraft, W. M.
Corinthian, No. 67.....	C. O. Wescott, W. M.
Mystic Star, No. 69.....	W. F. Drake, W. M. John Martin, S. W. G. W. Rockwell, proxy for J. W.
Paynesville, No. 71.....	George P. Ferree, W. M. E. R. Phipps, proxy for S. W.
Lansing, No. 72.....	A. E. Beadell, W. M. Harcor Lyons, S. W.
Brownsville, No. 73.....	C. E. McCan, W. M.
Eureka, No. 75.....	George W. Palmer, W. M. Warren M. Walker, S. W.
Joppa, No. 76.....	Lysander Cook, proxy for Lodge.
Tuscan, No. 77.....	G. W. Comee, proxy for Lodge.
Mystic Circle, No. 78.....	Peter Hanson, W. M. Harvey Harris, J. W.
Palestine, No. 79.....	W. A. McGonagle, W. M.
Henderson, No. 80.....	H. A. Seigneuret, W. M.
Constellation, No. 81.....	W. B. Mitson, W. M.
Howard, No. 82.....	E. H. Learned, W. M. E. E. Ritchie, S. W. A. A. Norverud, J. W.
Huram Abi, No. 83.....	J. G. Wheeler, proxy for W. M. J. J. McCaugh, S. W. C. O. Wright, J. W.
Orient, No. 84.....	Taylor Robinson, J. W.
High Forest, No. 85.....	Geo. F. Brown, S. W.
Tyrian, No. 86.....	E. L. Ford, W. M. J. S. Robertson, S. W.
Doric, No. 87.....	Not represented.
Golden Fleece, No. 89.....	Peter Berens, proxy for W. M.
Good Faith, No. 90.....	Alex. Fiddes, proxy for W. M. H. J. Hoovel, proxy for S. W.
Antiquity, No. 91.....	W. R. Caswell, W. M. O. L. Dornberg, proxy for J. W.
Fraternal, No. 92.....	Wm. Cordiner, W. M.
Equity, No. 93.....	Wm. Sartell, S. W.
Keystone, No. 94.....	J. R. L. Hansen, W. M.

Sherburne, No. 95.....	Andrew Davis, W. M.
Libanus, No. 96.....	George Knudson, W. M.
Prudence, No. 97.....	Frank Stedman, W. M.
Charity, No. 98.....	John C. Geiger, J. W.
Corner Stone, No. 99.....	J. A. McConkey, W. M.
	J. V. Mather, proxy for S. W.
	J. T. Johnson, proxy for J. W.
Aurora, No. 100.....	F. P. Barnes, W. M.
Fraternity, No. 101.....	Benj. F. Thurber, W. M.
	Chas. H. Babcock, S. W.
	I. P. Durfee, proxy for J. W.
Lebanon, No. 102.....	Not represented.
Bethel, No. 103.....	John W. Williams, W. M.
Sharon, No. 104.....	Olof Olson, W. M.
Mt. Tabor, No. 106.....	George C. Bush, W. M.
Relief, No. 108.....	Geo. W. Ballard, proxy for W. M.
	O. H. Phillips, proxy for S. W.
Sunset, No. 109.....	R. A. Brown, S. W.
Pickwick, No. 110.....	Wm. Harrington, S. W.
Carver, No. 111.....	George C. E. Goetz, W. M.
	Wm. H. Caspari, S. W.
	Fred Gehl, J. W.
Khurum, No. 112.....	David W. Knowlton, W. M.
	John H. Abbott, S. W.
Excelsior, No. 113.....	George P. Dickinson, W. M.
	Justin L. Dickinson, S. W.
	C. O. Woodruff, proxy for J. W.
Ben. Franklin, No. 114.....	John P. Houg, W. M.
Elgin, No. 115.....	Harry Stephens, S. W.
La Fayette, No. 116.....	G. W. Foster, W. M.
	G. W. Gray, proxy for S. W.
Granite, No. 117.....	M. C. Sullivan, W. M.
Newport, No. 118.....	J. W. Trickey, W. M.
	J. D. Carroll, proxy for S. W.
Delta, No. 119.....	D. M. King, W. M.
	F. C. Whitney, S. W.
	E. S. Frick, J. W.
Grand Meadow, No. 121.....	Wm. A. Nolan, W. M.
	Charles W. Martin, J. W.
Kellogg, No. 122.....	John M. Wolfe, W. M.
Prairie, No. 123.....	C. W. Treat, proxy for Lodge.
Janesville, No. 124.....	Daniel J. Dodge, W. M.
	F. H. Miner, proxy for S. W.
	F. L. Hagen, proxy for J. W.
Winslow Lewis, No. 125.....	G. W. Savage, W. M.
Moorhead, No. 126.....	F. H. Peterson, W. M.
	J. Pierce Wolfe, S. W.

Josephus, No. 128.....	James P. Emerson, W.: M.: Robert Little, J.: W.:
Swift, No. 129.....	W. R. Smith, W.: M.: C. H. Colby, J.: W.:
Alma, No. 131.....	Henry N. Peterson, W.: M.:
Humboldt, No. 132.....	H. S. Vogler, W.: M.: Geo. W. Ocobock, S.: W.: H. C. Ackermann, J.: W.:
Golden Sheaf, No. 133.....	C. H. Leamen, W.: M.: W. P. Fowler, S.: W.: Geo. H. Munro, proxy for J.: W.:
Cokato, No. 134.....	J. A. Eklund, W.: M.: Manser Johnson, proxy for S.: W.:
Nelson, No. 135.....	H. B. Griffing, W.: M.:
Walnut, No. 136.....	Not represented.
Appleton, No. 137.....	C. W. Stanton, W.: M.: J. R. Dow, proxy for S.: W.: A. D. Countryman, proxy for J.: W.:
Orion, No. 138.....	J. H. Strong, W.: M.: N. J. Walen, S.: W.: fi E. A. D. Salter, proxy for J.: W.:
Verndale, No. 139.....	C. Ditmore, J.: W.:
Little Falls, No. 140.....	O. C. Trace, W.: M.: L. D. Brown, S.: W.:
Crookston, No. 141.....	Tom Morris, W.: M.:
Currie, No. 142.....	Neil Currie, proxy for W.: M.:
Lake View, No. 143.....	Hayden French, W.: M.: Benj. C. Trevette, J.: W.:
Bird Island, No. 144.....	Joseph H. Feeter, W.: M.:
Melrose, No. 145.....	Not represented.
Benton, No. 146.....	Henry Potter, proxy for W.: M.:
Canby, No. 147.....	L. M. Lerwick, W.: M.:
Quarry, No. 148.....	George W. Nash, W.: M.: Wm. McGillivray, proxy for S.: W.: C. W. Gilmore, proxy for J.: W.:
Guardian, No. 149.....	D. W. Bolles, W.: M.:
Warren, No. 150.....	W. N. Powell, W.: M.: G. S. Wattam, proxy for S.: W.: E. W. Rossman, proxy for J.: W.:
Chaska, No. 151.....	W. C. Odell, W.: M.:
Frontier, No. 152.....	Not represented.
Kodahya, No. 153.....	A. S. Crossfield, proxy for W.: M.: H. W. Dezotelle, S.: W.: H. W. Barrett, proxy for J.: W.:
Norman, No. 154.....	Peter Sharpe, W.: M.:
Tracy, No. 155.....	Fred P. Starr, S.: W.:
Wadena, No. 156.....	John Liddell, proxy for W.: M.:

Perham, No. 157.....	J. L. Berthold, proxy for W.: M.:
Hector, No. 158.....	F. J. P. Hanson, S.: W.:
Long Prairie, No. 159.....	B. F. Van Valkenberg, W.: M.:
Plymouth, No. 160.....	Otto Lohff, W.: M.:
	John Chadwick, proxy for S.: W.:
Sincerity, No. 161.....	W. R. Holly, W.: M.:
	L. B. Cantleberry, proxy for S.: W.:
Prescott, No. 162.....	R. P. Wells, W.: M.:
Summit, No. 163.....	Chas. H. Goodrich, W.: M.:
	A. A. Doolittle, S.: W.:
	H. M. Tusler, proxy for J.: W.:
Jasper, No. 164.....	John D. Hoar, W.: M.:
	J. Simon McDonald, S.: W.:
Minnehaha, No. 165.....	E. R. Williams, W.: M.:
	Chas. H. Kemper, S.: W.:
Garnet, No. 166.....	David Hanna, proxy for W.: M.:
	S. O. Francis, proxy for S.: W.:
Agate, No. 167.....	Not represented.
Braden, No. 168.....	Alfred W. Jones, W.: M.:
	Chas. W. Hill, S.: W.:
	Chas. H. Cooper, J.: W.:
Pierson, No. 169.....	Thomas Gunness, W.: M.:
Fulda, No. 170.....	Geo. D. Taylor, W.: M.:
Shekinah, No. 171.....	Thomas Yould, W.: M.:
	Charles S. Schurman, S.: W.:
	Willis A. Daratt, J.: W.:
Plumb Line, No. 173.....	H. M. Griffin, W.: M.:
Marietta, No. 172..	Walter Dixon, S.: W.:
Valley, No. 174.....	James Crozier, W.: M.:
	Wm. J. Wilson, S.: W.:
Roman Eagle, No. 175.....	A. J. Rice, proxy for W.: M.:
	A. M. Feathers, proxy for S.: W.:
Ark, No. 176.....	Leon A. Cox, W.: M.:
	Wm. A. Elliott, S.: W.:
	Hugh R. Scott, proxy for J.: W.:
Rough Ashler, No. 177.....	Edward E. Chard, W.: M.:
Anchor, No. 178.....	Gilbert A. Hollenbeck, W.: M.:
	Robert F. Flint, J.: W.:
King David, No. 179.....	H. E. Stewart, W.: M.:
Osakis, No. 180.....	George R. Babbitt, W.: M.:
Dalles, No. 181.....	Leroy A. Fish, W.: M.:
Fair Haven, No. 182.....	Henry K. Kelley, W.: M.:
	P. S. Rudolph, proxy for S.: W.:
	Leroy Ritchie, J.: W.:
Shell, No. 184.....	Chas. F. Moody, W.: M.:
Midway, No. 185.....	Milton L. Bevans, W.: M.:
	W. T. Rich, proxy for S.: W.:

Ionic, No. 186.....	W. C. White, W.: M.: H. C. Hanford, S.: W.: S. L. Frazer, proxy for J.: W.:
Arcana, No. 187.....	A. J. Morrill, W.: M.: F. H. Ring, S.: W.:
Fortitude, No. 188.....	R. B. Green, W.: M.:
Traverse, No. 189.....	X. C. Earsley, W.: M.: Geo. E. Jackson, S.: W.: G. P. Erickson, proxy for J.: W.:
Triune, No. 190.....	John Fishel, proxy for W.: M.: Edward A. Paradis, S.: W.: Benj. A. Phillips, J.: W.:
Mizpah, No. 191.....	E. C. Shibley, W.: M.:
Crow River, No. 192.....	John A. Berg, S.: W.:
Amboy, No. 193.....	Not represented.
Canton, No. 194.....	J. W. Funk, W.: M.: M. C. Willford, S.: W.:
Renville, No. 195.....	George S. Humphrey, W.: M.: James T. Horr, J.: W.:
Geneva, No. 196.....	S. R. Pryor, W.: M.:
Vermillion, No. 197.....	W. N. Shephard, proxy for W.: M.:
Euclid, No. 198.....	Not represented.
Murray, No. 199.....	R. J. Henderson, W.: M.: C. A. Norton, S.: W.:
Zenith, No. 200.....	Enos P. Dotson, W.: M.: Otis A. Fox, S.: W.:
Kenyon, No. 201.....	John Holme, W.: M.: J. A. Gates, S.: W.:
Venus, No. 202.....	W. H. Coons, W.: M.:
Stewartville, No. 203.....	E. S. Wooldridge, proxy for W.: M.: C. N. Stewart, proxy for S.: W.:
St. Elmo, No. 204.....	H. D. Jenckes, proxy for W.: M.:
Wayzata, No. 205.....	Wm. Bushnell, W.: M.:
Fosston, No. 206.....	B. S. Bennett, W.: M.:
Crecent, No. 207.....	E. E. Daniels, W.: M.:
Itasca, No. 208.....	E. A. Kremer, W.: M.:
Sibley, No. 209.....	Chas. A. Benson, W.: M.: H. A. Sauer, S.: W.:
	C. A. Malmquist, J.: W.:
Columbian, No. 210.....	Le Roy Brown, proxy for W.: M.:
Friendship, No. 211.....	Jacob Brynildson, W.: M.: D. M. Baldwin Jr., proxy for S.: W.:
	J. A. Shannon, J.: W.:
Hallock, No. 212.....	Nels P. Lundgren, W.: M.:
Mystic, No. 213.....	George T. Williams, W.: M.:
Evansville, No. 214.....	O. Dahlheim, W.: M.:
Argyle, No. 215.....	Thomas Clark, proxy for W.: M.:

Florence, No. 216.....	Wm. F. Martin, W.: M.: Edwin M. Pool, S.: W.:
Capital City, No. 217.....	Eugene W. McCord, W.: M.:
Griswold, No. 218.....	E. E. McGrew, W.: M.: H. F. Ames, S.: W.: S. W. Leighton, proxy for J.: W.:
Mt. Hermon, No. 219.....	F. Wilcox, W.: M.:
Olivia, No. 220.....	Not represented.
Equity, No. 221.....	Seymour H. Adams, W.: M.:

We also report the following Grand Representatives present:

Charles D. Boyce.....	for British Columbia
Edward W. Durant.....	for Canada
Alphonso Barto.....	for Colon and Cuba and Michigan
Thomas Montgomery.....	for Colorado, Scotland and Ireland
Charles Griswold.....	for Connecticut
Henry R. Denny.....	for Delaware and Washington
James D. Markham.....	for District of Columbia
Edward P. Barnum.....	for Florida and Idaho and South Australia
Royal H. Gove.....	for Indian Territory and Utah
Calvin L. Brown.....	for Kansas
Charles W. Nash.....	for Louisiana
Henry C. Shepard.....	for Manitoba
Henry R. Wells.....	for Mississippi, North and South Dakota
James F. Lawless.....	for Missouri
Albert Marden.....	for Nevada
William Lee.....	for New Hampshire
Joseph H. Thompson.....	for New Jersey
Jacob A. Kiester.....	for New York and Texas
William T. Rigby.....	for Ohio
William B. Patton.....	for Pennsylvania
Alonzo T. Stebbins.....	for Prince Edward Island
Wm. F. Dickinson.....	for Tennessee
Samuel E. Adams.....	for Vermont
Charles L. West.....	for West Virginia
George H. Davis.....	for Wisconsin

THOS. MONTGOMERY,

IRVING TODD,

THOS. H. WARREN,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. A. D. Countryman, visiting brethren were invited to seats in the gallery during the session.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

St. Paul, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1898.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 p. m. Officers and members as before.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

W. F. Dickinson (91), E. L. Spencer (5), Walter Birch (9).

FINANCE.

C. L. Brown (133), H. M. Tusler (163), B. F. Farmer (58), D. M. Baldwin (8), J. S. Nelson (111).

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Past Grand Masters Wells, Griswold, Kiester, Barto, Denny.

ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

C. W. Nash, S. E. Adams, E. P. Barnum, E. W. Durant, Hayden French (143).

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

C. W. Gilmore (148), L. M. Lerwick (147), C. L. West (39), W. C. Odell (151), A. J. Snure (17).

APPROPRIATIONS.

H. R. Wells (36), H. R. Denny (111), A. S. Crossfield (153).

LODGES U. S. D. S.

R. H. Gove (21), Walter Birch (9), Edgar Nash (112), B. F. Thurber (101), Alex. Fiddes (90).

PAY ROLL.

J. H. Thompson (19), C. D. Boyce (2), W. B. Patton (79).

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

A. Marden (98), Wm. Sartell (93).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

H. E. Stewart (179), H. L. Merrill (59).

The Grand Master then read the following

ADDRESS:

Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

I welcome you to this the forty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Since last we met our permanent membership has been reduced by three. Death has claimed some of our brightest lights; men who had been instrumental in a large degree from the inception and formation of the Grand Lodge in moulding its destinies, and who rejoiced greatly at the splendid moral and material progress the craft has made since first our Grand Lodge started on what has proved to be such a prosperous career. R.: W.: Bros. Setzer, Loomis and Rogers we shall see no more on earth. They have finished their labors here and gone to their reward.

Prosperity has shone upon our state during the year, and our beloved brethren feel, in many cases, happier than they have for years.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

The lodges granted charters by the Grand Lodge at the last annual communication were duly constituted, as follows:

February 16th. Melrose Lodge, No. 145, was reconstituted by me, assisted by R.: W.: Brothers Brandenburg, Montgomery and Randall. The latter brother addressed the brethren present, much to their profit.

February 19th. Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 219, at Hancock, was constituted and its officers installed by R.: W.: Bro. J. H. Randall, Junior Grand Warden, acting as my proxy. He reports the lodge well equipped.

March 2d. Equity Lodge, No. 221, at Cottonwood, was constituted and its officers installed by R.: W.: Bro. J. H. Randall, acting as my proxy.

March 6th. Olivia Lodge, No. 220, was constituted and its officers installed by W.: Bro. A. D. Countryman, acting as my proxy. He reports having received generous and able assistance in the work from the brethren of Hector and Renville lodges, and that at the conclusion of the ceremonies a banquet was spread. Brother Coun-

tryman was selected because of his devotion to the cause of Masonry, love for this Grand Lodge, and thoroughness in its service.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS APPROVED.

I have approved the by-laws of subordinate lodges as follows: Nelson, No. 135; Hiram Abi, No. 83; Antiquity, No. 91; Olivia, No. 220; Faribault, No. 9; Social, No. 48; Equity, No. 221; Grand Meadow, No. 121; Mount Hermon, No. 219.

Amendments to lodge by-laws were approved as follows: Grand Meadow, No. 121; Marietta, No. 172; Howard, No. 82; Little Falls, No. 140; Golden Sheaf, No. 133; Monticello, No. 16; Delta, No. 119; Argyle, No. 215; Midway, No. 185.

I declined to approve an amendment to the by-laws of Euclid Lodge, No. 198, West Duluth, making the fees lower than those charged in Palestine Lodge, No. 79, and Ionic Lodge, No. 186, of Duluth; the three lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

I have granted dispensations for new lodges as follows:

April 2, 1897, for Park Region Lodge, at Elbow Lake, Grant county, with Bros. Dempster Boyd as Worshipful Master, Fred H. Prodger as Senior Warden, and Harold Thorson as Junior Warden.

Oct. 1, 1897, for Mora Lodge, at Mora, Kanabec county, with Bros. Jacob C. Pope as Worshipful Master, George H. Newbert as Senior Warden, and J. B. Gorham as Junior Warden.

The brethren at Elbow Lake request continuance of dispensation, and I recommend granting same.

The brethren at Mora did not get started until November 27th, and this dispensation should also be continued.

I am indebted to R.-. W.-. Bro. James D. Markham, Past Junior Grand Warden, for services in connection with the starting of this lodge. He speaks highly of the ability of the brethren, their lodge room, and its furnishings.

Dispensation was granted Elysian Lodge at Elysian, Le Sueur county, Oct. 6, 1896, and on my recommendation continued by the Grand Lodge at its last session. The brethren will present their work at this session, and if same meets with the approval of the Grand Lodge, charter should be granted.

I declined to grant dispensations for lodges at Vernon Center and Sherburne. The brethren at Vernon Center have asked for a reconsideration. The matter will be turned over to my successor, as will also a petition from the brethren at Lamberton for a lodge at that place.

I have had preliminary requests from brethren at Lester Prairie, Bellingham, Morgan, Milaca and Alden to start lodges at those points. I gave the necessary instructions as to how to proceed, but no encouragement.

There is also some desire on the part of brethren at Eveleth or Virginia on the Mesaba Range, as reported to me by the District Deputy, for a lodge to be located at either of those places.

It is my judgment, based on actual experience and from the facts arising in connection with the methods of business adopted by some of these newer lodges, that the greatest care must be exercised in examining into applications for dispensations for new lodges.

OTHER DISPENSATIONS GRANTED AND REFUSED.

On February 2d a special dispensation was granted to Star in the East Lodge, No. 33, Owatonna, to elect a Secretary in place of a brother who had resigned on account of being unable to attend to the duties of the office.

On February 22d a special dispensation was granted to Quarry Lodge, No. 148, Pipestone, to elect a Secretary in place of a brother whose business would not permit him to accept.

On April 5th a special dispensation was granted to Faribault Lodge, No. 9, to elect a Secretary in the place of a brother deceased.

On May 28th a special dispensation was granted to Little Falls Lodge, No. 140, to attend religious services St. Johns Day, June 24th.

On December 16th a special dispensation was granted Cataract Lodge, No. 2, Minneapolis, to postpone date for installing its officers from December 27th, the date fixed by its laws, to December 29th.

On December 18th a special dispensation was granted Summit Lodge, No. 163, St. Paul, to hold its election of officers on December 28th, instead of December 24th.

On December 27th a special dispensation was granted to Amboy Lodge, No. 193, to elect officers at its next regular meeting, that lodge having at its annual meeting elected a Master who had never served that or any other lodge in the capacity of Warden.

On December 27th a special dispensation was granted to Rough Ashler Lodge, No. 177, Belle Plaine, to elect officers in place of those elected at a meeting at which only six members of the lodge were present.

I refused to grant a dispensation to confer the degrees without fee on a minister, believing that if the degrees are worth anything to any person they are worth paying for.

I had the usual number of requests from lodges to participate in Memorial Day parades, an unusual number of applications for dispensations empowering the lodges to receive petitions from parties who had not the necessary residence qualification, and one-half dozen requests to permit lodges to accept and act on petitions from parties laboring under physical disabilities covered by the constitution and approved decisions of the Grand Lodge. All of these requests were declined.

DECISIONS.

The Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on having so fully covered the ground that, with one exception, I was able to answer all knotty questions propounded to me during the year by simply referring the questioner to the Digest; or, as a matter of fact, by writing out the section of the constitution, general regulation, or approved decision of one of my predecessors covering the point involved.

I pursued the latter course in each case, as I doubted not but what the brother who was after light had availed himself of the authorities at hand, without success, before writing me.

The saloon legislation of last year added largely to my burdens.

I submit the question on which I ruled:

Statement: A former brother of our lodge was expelled. At a session of the Grand Lodge held subsequently he was restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry. This action of the Grand Lodge, as I understand it, places him in the position of a non-affiliated Mason. He is now a resident of another Grand Jurisdiction, and has applied to our lodge for membership.

Question. Can we receive his application and elect him to membership while he resides out of the jurisdiction of Minnesota?

Answer. Yes.

I wrote the Master as follows: "I hold it to be good masonic doctrine that a nonaffiliated Master Mason may apply to any lodge for membership that will receive his petition; in other words, he has the right to select his own masonic home. If your lodge wishes to accept the petition for membership of Brother H., now a resident of N., there is no reason why you cannot receive and act upon the application. In this particular case, however, it would be advisable, as a matter of record, if for no other reason, to have a certified copy of the resolution of the Grand Lodge restoring Brother H. to all the rights and privileges of Masonry attached to the application, and with the latter spread upon the minutes of your lodge.

SUBLETTING LODGE ROOMS.

During the year I have given permission to seven lodges to sublet their halls under the usual restrictions. We are having fewer of these requests yearly, which denotes that the brethren are prepared to make sacrifices, if necessary, to maintain a hall for their exclusive use.

FIRES.

On August 19th the hall of Lake View Lodge, No. 143, at Ortonville, was destroyed by fire, the lodge losing furniture and fixtures valued at \$100. The charter of the lodge was not destroyed.

On December 7th the hall of Stewartville Lodge, No. 203, was

destroyed by fire, the lodge losing its furniture and charter. The lodge records were saved.

I issued dispensation to continue work until this session of the Grand Lodge, and recommend that duplicate charter be issued without fee.

RENT GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The following resolutions, introduced by the Committee on Finance and adopted by the Grand Lodge Session of 1897, are found on page 47 of the proceedings for that year:

"Resolved, That the Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make such contract with the other Grand Bodies represented by our Brother Grand Secretary, relative to the apportionment of the rent of the Grand Secretary's office, as he may deem just, and report the same at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

"Resolved further, That the rent of said office be paid for the ensuing year in accordance with the terms of the contract to be made by him."

In accordance with these resolutions, the annual apportionment of rent between the bodies represented by the Grand Secretary, was agreed to as follows: Grand Lodge, \$200; Grand Chapter, \$120; Grand Council, \$20; Grand Commandery, \$60.

Rent has been paid during the year on this basis; the other bodies have ratified the action taken by the presiding officers, and I recommend that Grand Lodge concurs.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren have been commissioned by me during the year as Grand Representatives near their respective Grand Lodges: British Columbia—R. W. Bro. John Buie, New Westminster.

Missouri—R. W. Bro. Howard Watson, St. Louis.

Ireland—W. Bro. Oliver Fry, Dublin.

There have been commissioned as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge:

R. W. Bro. E. P. Barnum for Idaho.

M. W. Bro. A. Barto for Michigan.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Montgomery for Scotland and Ireland.

M. W. Bro. J. F. Lawless for Missouri.

M. W. Bro. Henry R. Denny for Delaware.

ROUGH ASHLER LODGE, NO. 177.

District Deputy Grand Master Charles Jackson reported to me that, on December 8th, he visited Rough Ashler Lodge, No. 177, Belle Plaine, and found but six Master Masons, members of that lodge, present. The lodge was opened, however, and the form gone

through with of electing officers for the ensuing year. Of course the election was illegal. There was no installation. The lodge has but few members, little interest is taken in the lodge, and none of the members at present are capable of doing efficient work. The lodge has held but two meetings during the past year.

On December 18th I certified as above to Worshipful Brother Chard, and informed him that, if the facts were as stated, I would be compelled to bring the matter before the Grand Lodge. Brother Chard, in reply, acknowledged the irregularity, and informed me that the lodge had voted that I be written to, and asked that they be allowed another year in which to redeem themselves before any action was taken regarding their charter. I granted a dispensation for another election, and directed the brother to appear before the Grand Lodge with the records; also stating that, if the members did not know any better than to proceed to an election of officers when a constitutional number of brethren were not present, they did not possess sufficient knowledge to properly manage the affairs of a masonic lodge.

AMBOY LODGE, NO. 193.

During the consideration of a petition from brethren at Vernon Center for a dispensation to form a new lodge there, the following statements were made by a committee from Vernon Center regarding the conduct of affairs by Amboy Lodge, No. 193:

1. Soliciting men to join lodge by petitioning for the degrees.
2. Having upon the altar, instead of the Holy Bible, the "Great Light in Masonry," a copy of the Minnesota Statutes.
3. Voting moneys to pay hall rent and for janitor service at a regular meeting when only three members of the lodge were present.
4. Balloting on petitions for degrees or membership at special meetings.
5. Charter not present at any meeting held recently.
6. Closing lodge, members moving to a saloon, thereby getting rid of an objecting brother; returning to lodge after said objecting brother had gone home; again opening lodge for work, and conferring degree on the brother to whom objection had been entered.

After considerable correspondence the Worshipful Master, Brother Stephens, on December 23d, answers: "The six charges specified in your letter of December 6th are false, each and every one."

On December 27th I cited Worshipful Brother Stephens to appear before this Grand Lodge with his lodge records, etc. Papers are in my hands, and will be turned over to the proper committee.

I regret, owing to the gravity of the charges, that they were made at such a late date as not to give me an opportunity to relieve

the Grand Lodge from the consideration of the details. If it shall be found that the charges, or any of them, are true, the Grand Lodge will apply the proper remedy. If it shall be found that the charges were made by the Vernon Center committee for the purpose of bolstering up Vernon Center's application for a new lodge, these brethren should be severely punished, and the brethren there indefinitely denied a lodge. I may say that the starting of a lodge at Vernon Center will undoubtedly kill Amboy. There is no doubt, however, in my mind, but that a very slipshod method of doing business obtains in Amboy Lodge. On December 15th they elected as Master a man who had never served that or any other lodge as Warden. In fact, I am advised that he had been a Master Mason only about three months, and that the Master of the lodge was informed that he was not qualified to take the Master's chair.

ALMA LODGE, NO. 131.

The brethren of Alma Lodge, No. 131, at Lyle early in the year got badly worked up over the election of Bro. S. S. Elliott to the East. Sides were taken, and the outgoing Master informed me that the Past Master's degree would not be conferred on Brother Elliott, all the Past Masters of his lodge except one declining to do so, in consequence of his having been elected by wire-pulling and other unmasonic practices, and because of sympathy in his favor on the part of some of the brethren. It seems that, before election, charges were preferred against Brother Elliott for gross unmasonic conduct, in that he threatened, if not elected either Senior Warden or Master, that the petition of no candidate would be favorably acted upon during the year. These charges were dismissed before the election was had. They could not be proven, and were probably made to help to defeat Brother Elliott; but having resulted differently, it made the accusers wrathful. Brother Elliott labored under no disability, and the investigation demonstrated to me after I had sent District Deputy Grand Master Page there, that Brother Elliott should be invested with the Past Master's degree and installed Master of the lodge. This was done, under the direction of Deputy Page, February 27th.

My thanks are due and hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. A. C. Page for commendable work in this case, one of the worst, by reason of the feeling manifested, I have had to contend with during the year.

VISITATIONS.

It has not been possible for me, owing to pressing business engagements and the mass of correspondence connected with the proper handling of the Grand Lodge affairs, to visit as many lodges during the year as I should have liked to. Of the limited number visited, I recall with very great pleasure Triune, No. 190, where the

Junior Grand Warden, acting as my speech-making proxy, far discounted any effort that the chief was capable of; and Ionic, No. 186, where the brethren of Duluth vied with each other in making my visit pleasant. They do things well in the Zenith City. Also Ancient Landmark, No. 5, where Cataract, No. 2, of Minneapolis, conferred the third degree, and did it well; Summit, No. 163, on an anniversary occasion; Capital City, No. 217, and the famous gathering in this hall of St. Johns, No. 1, Cataract, No. 2, and St. Paul, No. 3, as guests of the latter lodge. This latter was a most delightful and historic meeting. The appointments, table and otherwise, were all that could be desired. Eloquent addresses were delivered by M.: W.: Bro. E. W. Durant for St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, W.: Bro. Solon Armstrong for Cataract Lodge, No. 2, and W.: Bro. William Pitt Murray and W. H. Grant for St. Paul, No. 3. The Grand Master esteems it an honor to have been privileged to act as toast-master.

On June 8th I visited the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, at Fargo, and was most cordially received by the brethren. The Grand Master, M.: W.: Brother Perkins, and Grand Secretary Thompson, did everything possible to make my short stay in their Grand Jurisdiction a pleasant one.

I attended, by invitation, the opening session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, at Winnipeg, the evening of June 9th, and the forenoon session, June 10th. I was met at the train by a committee, consisting of M.: W.: Bro. Corbet Locke, Past Grand Masters W. G. and C. N. Bell, and the present Grand Master, M.: W.: Bro. Thomas Robinson. I was driven to the hotel, where I was the guest of the Grand Master. The afternoon was spent driving around their beautiful city and inspecting the Masonic Temple, which is entirely devoted to the work of the craft.

It is but simple truth to say that the brethren literally showered favors upon me during my visit. Harmony characterized the meeting, which was conducted with the utmost decorum. I was much pleased at the reading of the reports of the District Deputies. In Manitoba these officers discharge their duties without fear or favor, and are suitably rewarded by the Grand Lodge, in strict accordance with the merit of their work. The report presented by R.: W.: Bro. Hamilton Lang of Moose Jaw, Assiniboia, was specially commendable. To the distinguished brethren first mentioned, and to M.: W.: Brothers Tweed and O'Meara and R.: W.: Brother Murphy, my thanks are due and hereby tendered on behalf of our Grand Lodge for special courtesies shown its Grand Master.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

I was informed early in the year that there was an earnest desire on the part of the members of the two lodges at Red Wing, viz., Red Wing, No. 8, and Arcturus, No. 130, to consolidate, and a spe-

cial request to that effect was presented and urged by the Worshipful Master of the latter named lodge. Believing that a union of the two lodges would be beneficial to the craft, but finding no method of procedure laid down in our laws, the following regulation was formulated and made a basis for the proposed consolidation:

"REGULATION FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

"Whenever two or more lodges, whose jurisdictions are concurrent, or adjoin, desire to consolidate and form one lodge, under the name and charter of one of said lodges, the same may be consummated in the following manner:

"Such desire being made known to the Worshipful Master of each of said lodges, he shall, with the consent and approval of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, cause all the resident members of his lodge to be summoned to attend at a stated or special communication of the lodge, for the purpose of considering a proposition to consolidate with Lodge, under the name and charter of Lodge, No., at which communication the Worshipful Master will submit the question to the lodge as follows: 'Will this lodge consolidate with Lodge, under the name and charter of Lodge, No.' and should two-thirds of the members present vote 'aye,' the proposition shall be declared adopted; otherwise, the Worshipful Master shall declare the same rejected, and order the Secretary to record and report the result to the other lodges. Provided, no such proposition shall be declared adopted if as many as seven members of the lodge proposing to give up its name and charter vote against said proposition. Should said proposition be adopted as above by all the lodges parties to such consolidation, then the charter of the lodge agreeing to surrender its name and charter shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary to be cancelled, and the members of such lodge shall be and become members of the lodge whose name and charter is assumed as fully as though they had regularly petitioned and been elected members thereof.

"The books, property and furniture, money on hand and due, or to become due, to the lodge so surrendering its charter, shall be and become the property of the lodge whose name and charter has been assumed, and said last mentioned lodge shall be and become liable for all the debts of said lodge so consolidated with it. Provided, that such consolidation will not be considered consummated until the action of each lodge in the premises is officially certified to the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Master has ratified and confirmed the same and issued his decree approving of such consolidation."

Acting under the above requirements, and by my direction, a vote was taken by Arcturus Lodge, March 27th, and by Red Wing Lodge, April 5th, on the question: "Will this lodge consolidate with" (Arcturus Lodge. No. 130, and Red Wing Lodge, No. 8, respectively),

under the name and charter of Red Wing Lodge, No. 8;" and the same was duly carried, as officially certified to the Grand Secretary, and the charter of Arcturus Lodge sent in for cancellation. Fully approving the course taken, I ratified their action, and on the 21st of April decreed the consolidation of said lodges, and caused due notice of the same to be communicated to the officers thereof and to the other lodges in this jurisdiction.

There were thirty-three members in Arcturus Lodge at the time of said consolidation.

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS,

There were not during the year as many lodges reached by direct visits from the Custodians as in the preceding one. My observation leads me to the belief, however, that the work of the board has been felt and appreciated by the majority of our lodges. Further than this, I am satisfied from reports received from the District Deputies and the other channels of information open to me that there is a desire on the part of our lodges to excel in the rendition of the true work. Only occasional instances, and these of a trivial nature, due to ignorance rather than design, of any radical innovation in our work has come to my knowledge during the year.

Custodian Patton called my attention to the fact that the lodges in his district, scattered as they are, would get no benefit from the appropriation made by the Grand Lodge for disseminating the work if I could not see my way clear to allow him per diem and mileage for visiting only one lodge for the purpose of instruction.

The matter came up originally on a request for a school at Tower, Minn., for the exclusive benefit of the officers and members of Vermillion Lodge; which I could not grant, as it would establish a precedent, and an expensive one. I realize that there is difficulty in getting the brethren together from long distances, and it may be that the Grand Lodge will decide to grant such schools to individual lodges under the circumstances as set forth, or to leave such cases to the judgment of the Grand Master.

Expenses of the board for 1895, \$420.61; 1896, \$446.60; 1897, \$316.57. I recommend an appropriation for the current year of \$400.

M. W. Bro. W. F. Dickinson, whose term had expired, was reappointed for the term of five years.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK.

For some years the Board of Custodians have exemplified the work of the third degree before the Grand Lodge the evening of the first day's session. It occurred to me that it would be pleasing to the brethren and afford an excellent opportunity to practically test the progress made by the lodges in the proper rendition of the work if Masters of lodges were selected from all sections of the

state and invited to confer the degree on a candidate. Acting on this, there were twenty-four Masters selected to do the work, filling the several stations and places, and this evening we will have the pleasure of witnessing their work. I cannot vouch for their proficiency, as the selections were made without regard to my knowledge of the ability of the brethren, my idea solely being that Masters of lodges should be competent to assume and creditably discharge any duties of this kind.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

In this Grand Jurisdiction we have thirty-four districts. A Deputy is assigned to each. I received reports from eleven Deputies, the other twenty-three presumably considering that there was no need of carrying out their instructions in this regard.

Inasmuch as the naming of the Deputies has, in recent years, at least, owing to our large and scattered territory, been practically in the hands of the subordinate lodges, the Grand Master, unless for some good and sufficient reason known to him, confirming and appointing the brother selected by the lodges, as represented at the Grand Lodge session, it would seem as though the lodges could not consider themselves flattered by this showing.

The right worshipful brothers who have not sent in their reports may have performed their duties in other respects faithfully, just getting tired from overwork before they could make out and transmit an account of their stewardship to the Grand Master. But I earnestly urge each lodge to consider well, before recommending for appointment to this honorable office, the merits of the man, his ability to and desire for work. I do not consider that the title of Right Worshipful should be bestowed on any brother, even for a time, without some show of appreciation on his part in the shape of earning, if not before, then after the honor has been conferred, his right to it by the honest discharge of all the duties pertaining to the office. The reports received by me were all good; those sent by the Deputies for the twentieth and twenty-ninth districts were unusually so.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, on Dec. 9, 1897, issued the following circular to subordinate lodges within its jurisdiction regarding masonic communications with the Grand Lodge of Peru:

"To the Brethren of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine:

"It having come to my knowledge that the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Republic of Peru, with which

the Grand Lodge of Maine has been in masonic communication, has changed its fundamental law whereby the "Book of the Law," viz., "The Great Light in Masonry," is excluded from its altar and the altars of the lodges of its obedience, and thereby it and they have ceased to be masonic bodies:

"You are hereby notified that all masonic communication with said Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges, and the members of its obedience who continue to adhere to said Grand Lodge under its constitution, changed as aforesaid, is suspended until the next annual session of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Maine.

"But you are further notified that masonic communication may be continued with all brethren formerly of the obedience of said Grand Lodge of Peru who have or shall renounce allegiance to said Grand Lodge on account of said change in its fundamental law, without regard to any action of said Grand Lodge of Peru or the lodges of its obedience against said brethren, after said change of its fundamental law, on account of their refusing obedience to said action.

"Yours fraternally,

"JOSEPH A. LOCKE,

"Grand Master."

"Attest:

"STEPHEN BERRY,

"Grand Secretary."

On Dec. 24, 1897, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York issued an edict terminating all relations heretofore existing between the Grand Lodge of Peru and the Grand Lodge of New York, summarily recalling and revoking the commission issued to their Representative near the Grand Lodge of Peru, and dismissing from the presence of the Grand Lodge of New York the Representative from the Grand Lodge of Peru accredited to the Grand Lodge of New York.

I quote from the edict issued by the Grand Master of New York:

"I am this day furnished with a printed copy of an edict issued by Christian Dam, Grand Master, over the certificate of Manuel J. Cacaes, as Grand Secretary, wherein the said Christian Dam, as Grand Master of Masons in Peru, recites to those under his jurisdiction that 'according to Catholicism the Bible is a sacred book in which the revealed word is deposited, and as such cannot be freely examined and criticised; that the Bible cannot be considered as a fountain of scientific knowledge or history, nor as a basis of morality,' and he does 'decree that on all masonic altars the Bible shall be removed and replaced by the Constitution of the Order of Free Masonry; and that in all our rituals the word 'Bible' shall be stricken out, and the words, 'the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Peru,' put in its place.'"

I most heartily indorse and commend the action taken by the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Maine and New York.

We also want it emphatically understood that no godless temple can be reared in the name of Freemasonry.

OBITUARIES.

The year past has brought sorrow to the Grand Jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal accord by the loss they have sustained in the death of some of their most devoted sons, and our own Grand Jurisdiction laments in pain and agony the sundering of old ties.

The following is the roster of illustrious brethren called from the labors of earth to their eternal rest:

Andrew Martin Wolihin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, died Feb. 22, 1897.

Joseph Norton Dolph, Past Grand Master of Oregon, died March 10, 1897.

John Headley Bell, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, died March 16, 1897.

John Stedman, Past Grand Master of Montana, died March 28, 1897.

John William Morrison, Past Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, died April 11, 1897.

Theodore Schreiner, Past Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, died April 14, 1897.

James M. Harkey, Past Grand Master of Arkansas, died Sept. 28, 1897.

John Quincy Adams Fellows, Past Grand Master of Louisiana, died Nov. 28, 1897.

DAVID BURT LOOMIS.

When this Grand Lodge was organized, Feb. 24, 1853, one of the delegates present from St. Johns Lodge at Stillwater was our late right worshipful brother, David B. Loomis. His death occurred at the Soldiers' Home, Minnehaha Falls, Feb. 24, 1897, exactly forty-four years thereafter. His funeral at Stillwater was attended by St. Johns Lodge, of which he was a member for over forty-four years, the Grand Master officiating, assisted by M.^a. W.^a. Bro. E. W. Durant and R.^a. W.^a. Bros. J. N. Castle, J. H. Randall and Thomas Montgomery, and W.^a. Bros. Warren, Clark, Doe and Lenox.

Brother Loomis came of a cultured New England family and received a good education, but was early thrown on his own resources. He was born in Wilmington, Conn., April 17, 1817, and came West with his parents to Alton, Ill., in 1830, where for several years he served as clerk for a large firm, in whose warehouse, on the night of Nov. 7, 1837, the murder of Elijah P. Lovejoy occurred, he being shot by pro-slavery ruffians for the expression of sentiments, through his paper, which the nation has since been compelled to adopt. Brother Loomis was within five feet of him at the time, assisting to defend the building and property from the mob. In 1843 he came

to the St. Croix Valley, and engaged in lumbering. In 1847 he was surveyor of logs and lumber. In 1851 he was a member of the Minnesota Territorial Council, and served four years, during one of which he was president of the council.

It was while thus engaged at St. Paul that he assisted in organizing the Grand Lodge. In 1853 he helped to build a saw mill in South Stillwater, selling out in 1859. In July, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Second Regiment, Minnesota Infantry, and was chosen first lieutenant, and in March, 1863, became captain. Captain Loomis was a gallant and efficient officer, and for three and one-half years participated in the battles and campaigns that made the name of his regiment memorable. Returning to Stillwater he engaged in the logging business, and for several years was book-keeper for a large lumber firm. He was elected to the legislature in 1873. He was held in high esteem as a neighbor and citizen. For several years past he had been in failing health, owing principally to his advanced age. He entered the Soldiers' Home three years before his death, where he was well cared for, but he succumbed to the infirmities of age, and for months before his death was unable to recognize his friends. Thus he lingered without pain until the final summons called him to his eternal rest.

Brother Loomis was made a Mason in St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, in 1849. He became a charter member of St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, at Stillwater, and in 1857, 1865 and 1866 was its Worshipful Master. He was Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge from Jan. 8, 1858, until Oct. 23, 1861, and served on many important committees. He received his capitular degrees in Minnesota Chapter, No. 1, in January, 1857, and became a charter member of Washington Chapter, No. 17, Stillwater. He was created a Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery, No. 1, June 9, 1857, and was a charter member of Bayard Commandery, No. 11.

LUTHER ZOAN ROGERS.

Bro. Luther Zoan Rogers, whose death occurred on April 27, 1897, was born in the town of Brewer, Me., in 1837, received his education at Providence, R. I., was employed in a Boston wholesale house for three years, and in 1857 came to Waterville, whose site was then a wilderness, where he has since resided, being practically the father of the place. He built up a very extensive business in general merchandise, in the milling and elevator business, and manufacturing furniture. For many years he was postmaster, and president of the village council and board of education; was twice representative, and once state senator. He was married in 1861, and leaves surviving him his widow and three married daughters. He was a man of keen business insight, and had great executive ability. He was genial and companionable, broad minded and liberal in his

views, of refined tastes and well-informed, and hence had a host of friends throughout the state.

He was made a Mason in Faribault Lodge, No. 9, in 1858, was a charter member of Sakatah, No. 32, at Waterville, in 1860, and afterwards was Master of same, and was elected Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge in 1877. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Vermillion Chapter, No. 2, of Hastings, in 1865, joined Waseca, No. 26, in 1878, and was first High Priest of Waterville, No. 56, in 1892. He was created a Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery, No. 1, St. Paul, in 1865; became a charter member of Faribault Commandery, No. 8, in 1874; was its Eminent Commander in 1880 and 1881, and having passed the several stations from Grand Senior Warden, became Grand Commander in 1882. He had also attained the thirty-second degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. For some years he had been in failing health, and for several months the past winter had been in an hospital in Minneapolis, where I visited him weekly, and found him cheerful and resigned. The funeral was largely attended, the masonic service being performed by Past Grand Master H. R. Denny, assisted by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. Brother Rogers rendered very valuable services to this Grand Lodge, especially on the finance committee, and we shall feel his loss.

CHARLES E. MACOMBER.

Bro. Charles E. Macomber of Atwater, who was Grand Pursuivant of this Grand Lodge in 1896, departed this life Nov. 6, 1897, aged forty-eight years. The cause of his death was catarrh of the stomach. He was completely worn out before he left his post of duty, only a few days before his death.

Brother Macomber was born at Sun Prairie, Wis., Dec. 9, 1849. He moved with his parents to St. Anthony in 1853, where he spent his boyhood years. In 1874 he married Miss Bosworth, who died in 1888, leaving three children, who are still living. In 1889 he married Miss Salter, who survives him. He entered the employ of the Great Northern Railway in 1882, and located at Atwater in 1886. He was a very popular, a trustworthy and faithful agent, and endeared himself to the officers of the company. He was also held in the highest esteem by his neighbors and friends, especially by his brethren of the mystic tie. He was made a Master Mason in Orion Lodge, No. 138, at Atwater, Oct. 10, 1889, and was Master of the lodge for three years. A lodge of sorrow was held in his memory, at which a number of brethren paid fervent tribute to his many sterling qualities. His masonic funeral was largely attended by brethren from his own and several other lodges, Brother Jenness of Willmar officiating. He was a member of the village council for several years, being at the time of his death village president, filling

every position with credit and honor. The entire community mourns his untimely death.

LOREN R. DAVIS.

Bro. Loren R. Davis, District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventeenth District, departed this life full of years and honors, Dec. 21, 1897, and was laid to rest by his brethren at Madison, December 23d.

I received a telegram from Worshipful Brother Halvorson, requesting my presence at the funeral, but found it impossible to attend. He was made a Mason in 1858, came to this Grand Jurisdiction from Marquette Lodge, No. 102, Wisconsin, and became a charter member of Geneva Lodge, No. 196.

The information I asked for regarding the brother's life and labors has not been received, and his biography must therefore be left to the committee.

HENRY NOLAN SETZER.

Bro. Henry N. Setzer was a descendant of a North German family, and was born in Montgomery county, Missouri, Oct. 6, 1825. In 1843 he came to the St. Croix valley and engaged in lumbering, residing, until 1854, at Stillwater, Taylors Falls, and other places. He was a member of the house in the first territorial legislature and in the council of the seventh and eighth, and was a member of the Democratic wing of the constitutional convention of 1857. He was warden of the state prison from 1857 to 1860, when he was appointed register of the land office at Cambridge, Isanti county. Thenceforward he practiced law, first at Taylors Falls, and the last four years at Stillwater.

He appears to have been made a Mason in old St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, in 1849. He was a charter member of St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, at Stillwater in 1852 and its Worshipful Master in 1854 and 1855. He was the first Master of Zion Lodge, No. 55, at Taylors Falls, in 1866, and was a member of the same at his death. He was present at the organization of this Grand Lodge, Feb. 24, 1853, and was with one exception the last survivor of those who were present at that time. He was Deputy Grand Master in 1856.

He received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in Minnesota Chapter, No. 1, St. Paul, in January, 1854, and the orders of Knighthood in Damascus Commandery, No. 1, St. Paul, in August, 1857. About a month ago he became ill with a trouble which developed into pneumonia, and resulted in his death at Stillwater, January 8th. He was buried by his lodge at Taylors Falls yesterday morning. I exceedingly regretted my inability to be present, owing to the near approach of Grand Lodge. His aged wife is the only surviving relative.

Appropriate memorial pages should appear in our printed proceedings.

RELIEF.

I received two requests from outside jurisdictions, one inclosing a printed circular, sanctioned and approved by the Grand Master of the Grand Jurisdiction, to permit a general appeal to be made to our brethren for assistance in consequence of calamities that had befallen their lodges and individual Masons at local points. One of these requests seemed to warrant no action, and none was taken; the other bearing a Grand Master's indorsement I referred to the most worshipful brother, stating that if the extent of the suffering or loss warranted it I would gladly forward a contribution from the funds of the Grand Lodge, in the full assurance that such action on my part would be indorsed by the Grand Lodge. Such appeals, scattered broadcast to all the lodges in the United States, as they most frequently are, usually result in more money being contributed than the exigencies of the masonic sufferers demand or require.

Two requests were received from this Grand Jurisdiction for permission to appeal to all lodges in the state, one from a brother who claimed to need the money for his own use, and who had received \$100 at last session of Grand Lodge, the other from a lodge, and this appeal really was not confined to the state, looking for money to build a masonic hall. I declined both.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the sum of \$100 was voted for the relief of Bro. John Pollard of Sherburne Lodge, No. 95, Elk River. On November 10th the brother died. Worshipful Brother Davis asked me if he could turn over the balance in his hands, \$10.25, to the relief of Brother Pollard's widow, who has no source of income. I gladly gave my assent, and ask that the Grand Lodge indorse my action.

At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1896, the sum of \$100 was voted for the relief of Bro. George Mitchell of Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 89, Litchfield, and the sum of \$100 for the relief of Bro. James H. McKenney of the same lodge.

On Oct. 28, 1897, the lodge informed me that the fund for the relief of Bro. George Mitchell had not been used, or any portion thereof, but that the fund for the relief of Brother McKenney was exhausted, and asked that I allow them to use the Mitchell fund for the relief of Brother McKenney. I wrote the Secretary that it would require affirmative action on the part of the Grand Lodge to allow the money appropriated to aid Brother Mitchell to be used to aid Brother McKenney, but relying on the good business judgment of the officers and members of his lodge, I would sanction the use of such portion of the \$100 to relieve Brother McKenney as in their judgment was needed until this session of the Grand Lodge.

I am informed that \$33.61 of the \$100 has been used, and that the sum of \$66.39 of the Mitchell fund still remains in the hands of

the lodge. The lodge requests that that sum may be set over to the relief of Brother McKenney, and also asks for an additional \$100 as the dependent brother and his family remains sorely in need of much more help than the lodge has been able to extend.

I trust that the Grand Lodge will approve my action, and take such steps regarding further appropriation as in its judgment is deemed best.

What I do not understand is, why any lodge should ask for and obtain \$100 for the relief of a brother, and then hold same on hand unused for twenty-one months. It would seem as if there was no need for the money in the first place. This matter of relief is handled, to my thinking, both in the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges in a very unbusinesslike manner. Brethren put in resolutions at every meeting of the Grand Lodge looking for appropriations for relief purposes. These resolutions are turned over to the Committee on Appropriations, and I submit that the Committee on Appropriations has not the time to properly examine into and properly decide what is best to be done in each particular case, so that a very deserving case likely receives about the same amount as one that is not equally meritorious.

I would suggest that applications of this kind be, wherever possible, filed with the Grand Master at least thirty days before the Grand Lodge meets, and that he make such recommendation to the Grand Lodge, after investigation, as in his judgment the merits of the case warrant. Every year we have difficulty in getting statements from the lodges intrusted with these funds for distribution, as to how same were disbursed. In all matters of finance the principle should be with us, "Less sentiment and more vouchers."

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, I return to you the gavel first placed in my charge two years ago, and which through your great kindness I was honored with again at the last session. It has been my earnest desire so to live and act and discharge the duties of the high office as to merit your approval and esteem. The work has been trying and continuous, necessarily but a brief synopsis thereof appearing in my annual message. I have been the recipient of many courtesies and favors at the hands of the brethren, one of which, the presentation to me of an elegant Past Master's apron by W. Bro. A. P. Swannstrom, being specially pleasing. If my time was not so fully occupied in giving attention to business matters, I should have accomplished more for the Grand Lodge. But I beg you to believe that, so far as ability and my time, night or day permitted, they have been placed freely at the disposal of my brethren.

Now, as I pass from the Grand East to the floor, I pray to God for the prosperity of our Grand Lodge, and resolve that hereafter, as in the past, my best efforts will be at all times put forward to repay the brethren by work, for the honors conferred upon and confidence reposed in me.

JAMES F. LAWLESS,
Grand Master.

REPORT ON ADDRESS.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address reported as follows:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master for subdivision and reference respectfully recommend that:

1. So much thereof as relates to lodges constituted be referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks.
2. So much as relates to by-laws approved, other dispensations granted and refused, decisions, and consolidation of lodges, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
3. So much as relates to dispensations for new lodges be referred to the Committee on Lodges under Dispensation.
4. So much as relates to rent of Grand Secretary's office be referred to the Committee on Finance.
5. So much as relates to Rough Ashler Lodge and Amboy Lodge be referred to a special committee of three.
6. So much as relates to board of custodians be referred to a special committee of three.
7. So much as relates to the Grand Lodge of Peru be referred to a special committee of three.
8. So much as relates to deceased brethren be referred to a special committee of three.
9. So much as relates to relief be referred to a special committee of three.
10. The residue of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. F. DICKINSON,
WALTER BIRCH,
E. L. SPENCER,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Grand Master named as the special committees provided for in the foregoing report:

5. W. C. White (186), J. D. Markham (164), L. L. Manwaring (1).
6. B. F. Farmer (58), M. C. Sullivan (117), D. W. Knowlton (112).
7. G. S. Ives (54), Le Roy Brown (210), G. L. Wood (61).
8. G. H. Davis (100), O. C. Trace (140), E. W. McCord (217).
9. G. H. Davis (100), F. H. Peterson (126), O. L. Cutter (30).
10. G. W. Rockwell (69), H. O. Dilley (48), C. H. Foss (49).

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

M. W. Bro. Nathan C. Giffin, Grand Master of Wisconsin, being in waiting, was admitted, escorted to the altar, introduced to Grand Lodge, received with the Grand Honors, and conducted to a seat in the Grand East. He expressed his pleasure at being present and for the cordial welcome accorded him, which he accepted as not due so much to himself personally as to the adjoining Grand Jurisdiction which he had the honor to represent. This was followed by an able and comprehensive address on Masonry in general, which was attentively listened to.

PETITIONS FOR RELIEF.

Resolutions appealing for relief were read from the following lodges, all of which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations: Lodges Nos. 1, 34, 35, 39, 42, 48, 60, 78, 81, 82, 89, 95, 104, 110, 123, 128, 138, 147, 153, 198.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I have the honor to submit my ninth annual report as Grand Secretary. The routine duties of the office have differed little from former years, and have been carefully and punctually attended to. I am not aware of any duty properly devolving upon me that has been neglected or left unperformed.

The index to the Grand Register was completed in May, and contains over 32,000 names. The register is fully written up to date, and Grand Lodge numbers attached. I have during the year examined the registers kept in several of the largest and oldest Grand Jurisdictions in the world, and have seen none so complete and practical as our own. By its use we can instantly detect and correct errors in the annual returns. It is the standard by which lodge registers are corrected. A number of these have been sent in and corrected during the year, and Grand Lodge numbers affixed, while thirty others, handed in to-day, now await correction. It is my

earnest desire that all lodge registers should be so corrected as soon as possible.

A call was made for a copy of the by-laws of each lodge to be placed on file, as ordered last year, but only half of the lodges have responded. Another call will be made for the remaining half in the near future.

Charters were prepared for and delivered to Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 219, at Hancock, Olivia Lodge, No. 220, at Olivia, and Equity Lodge, No. 221, at Cottonwood. These lodges were duly constituted as stated in the address of the Grand Master, and reports of same filed in this office by the constituting officer.

By order of the Grand Master, dispensations were issued for new lodges at Elbow Lake and Mora. Elysian Lodge was continued U. S. D. for 1897, without fee.

A fresh supply of fifty parchment charters were procured at an expense of forty-nine dollars.

The proceedings of 1897 were printed and distributed as soon as possible, and contained an excellent phototype of our present Grand Master. They contain a table, prepared with great care, and which I believe to be strictly accurate, showing in detail the gains and losses, from all sources, of every lodge in the state, active or defunct, from their organization up to Jan. 1, 1897. With the information gained from the returns of 1897 added, the footings, up to Jan. 1, 1898, would be as follows:

Joined at organization and since, 11,163; raised, 21,814; restored, 1,342. Total gains, 34,319. Withdrawn, 10,174; stricken from roll, 4,957; suspended, 129; expelled, 129; died, 2,814. Total losses, 18,203. Gains over losses, 16,116.

These figures, while of great interest now, will be doubly so in the years to come. They include the sixteen lodges which have been stricken from our roll.

Commissions were issued to the several Grand Representatives mentioned by the Grand Master, and to the thirty-four District Deputies.

Notices were sent to all the lodges of suspensions and expulsions, as required, and several other circular letters were issued.

Orders on the Treasurer have been issued for charitable relief to the amount of \$2,395, as voted by Grand Lodge. Only twelve out of eighteen Masters to whom charitable funds were intrusted have made reports of the disposition of the same, as required. Bro. W. F. Drake of Mystic Star, No. 69, Rushford, returned \$54 as not needed out of the \$100 intrusted to him. The several reports and vouchers are at the disposition of the proper committee.

There is one appeal case, from Janesville Lodge, No. 124; that of an expelled Entered Apprentice.

A rate of a fare and a third, on the certificate plan, has been secured from all railroads traversing Minnesota, but more exacting

conditions have been required. I had to advance money to secure the services of a joint railroad agent, for to-morrow, who will stamp and in person deliver the several certificates for reduced fare, after being signed by me, to those only who are in attendance at Grand Lodge.

The insurance on our property has been renewed.

I believe the time has again come for binding up a lot of accumulated periodicals and the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, and I respectfully ask for an appropriation of \$100 for that purpose. We still receive a number of masonic magazines and papers. Several small souvenirs have been added to our collection.

My official relations with the Grand Officers and brethren in general have been most cordial.

In response to invitations I have visited a number of lodges, installed officers, and attended a number of social receptions, much to my delight, and only regret that I could not attend more for want of time. My thanks are hereby tendered for courtesies shown.

RETURNS.

Returns have been received from all the lodges. The gains have been 1,069, the losses 859, showing a net gain of 210. Total membership, 15,691, as shown by the tabulated returns. The returns, though far from perfect, were as free from serious errors as I ever found them, and I am greatly obliged to the Secretaries for promptness in forwarding. A few were late, as usual; over one-third had errors or omissions which I was enabled to correct myself or by correspondence before turning them over to the Committee on Returns. Thirty lodges were in error as to remittances, and there yet appears to be due \$6.20.

FINANCIAL.

I have received funds since last report as follows:

Dispensation fees, lodges at Elbow Lake and Mora.....	\$40.00
Charter fees, lodges Nos. 219, 220, and 221.....	75.00
Relief funds returned from No. 69.....	54.00
Arrears of dues collected from five lodges.....	17.80
Returned by C. L. West, overpaid on pay roll.....	3.95
Fees and dues from lodges for 1897, as itemized in cash book	7,938.00
Total	\$8,128.75

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS MONTGOMERY,

Grand Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. A. F. F. and A. A. M. F.:

I herewith submit my financial report for the past year.

J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

CASH RECEIPTS.

1897.		
Jan. 15.	On hand as per report of 1897.....	\$11,863.13
1898.		
Jan. 12.	Received from Thos. Montgomery, G. Secretary	8,128.75
	Total	\$19,991.88

ORDERS PAID AND SUBMITTED HEREWITH.

1897.	No.	
Jan. 14.	1—James F. Lawless, Grand Master, expenses 1896	\$300.00
Jan. 14.	2—Stiles Raymond, Custodian.....	22.00
Jan. 14.	3—D. W. Knowlton, Custodian.....	9.00
Jan. 14.	4—E. P. Barnum, Custodian.....	15.00
Jan. 14.	5—Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	18.00
Jan. 14.	6—W. F. Dickinson, Custodian.....	21.00
Jan. 14.	7—Irving Todd, report on Correspondence....	100.00
Jan. 14.	8—Irving Todd, assistant to Grand Secretary.	50.00
Jan. 14.	9—J. C. Fischer, services as Grand Tyler, 1897	25.00
Jan. 14.	10—Thos. Montgomery, contingent expenses...	200.00
Jan. 14.	11—Thos. Montgomery, office furniture and moving	100.00
Jan. 15.	12—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to February 15th	60.00
Jan. 15.	13—A. M. Adsit, Worshipful Master No. 35, Hastings, relief of Bro. Wm. Lee.....	200.00
Jan. 15.	14—Harry E. Wertz, Worshipful Master No. 36, Preston, relief of Bro. J. S. Benedict and wife	100.00
Jan. 15.	15—A. C. Page, Worshipful Master No. 39, Austin, relief of Bro. E. Ward.....	75.00
Jan. 15.	16—Merrill C. Tifft, Worshipful Master No. 42, Glencoe, relief of Mrs. T. A. Turnbull and children	50.00
Jan. 15.	17—Lewis J. Baldwin, Worshipful Master No. 43, Lewiston, relief of Bro. C. D. Jacobs..	50.00
Jan. 15.	18—Chas. S. Allen, Worshipful Master No. 60, Sauk Center, relief of Bro. Wm. Jeriman.	100.00

Jan. 15.	19—W. F. Drake, Worshipful Master No. 69, Rushford, relief of Emily A. Hitchcock..	100.00
Jan. 15.	20—W. B. Mitson, Worshipful Master No. 81, Alexandria, relief of Bro. M. E. Van Cott.	100.00
Jan. 15.	21—J. B. Gregoire, Worshipful Master No. 86, Mazeppa, relief of Bros. G. W. Judd and Geo. Stace	100.00
Jan. 15.	22—W. R. Caswell, Worshipful Master, No. 91, Redwood Falls, relief of Bro. David Wat- son	50.00
Jan. 15.	23—Andrew Davis, Worshipful Master No. 95, Sherburne, relief of Bro. John Pollard..	100.00
Jan. 15.	24—Olof Olson, Worshipful Master No. 104, Willmar, relief of widow of Bro. P. A. Odell	100.00
Jan. 15.	25—O. E. Maxson, Worshipful Master No. 119, Marshall, relief of Mary Rye.....	100.00
Jan. 15.	26—Jas. P. Emerson, Worshipful Master No. 128, Mapleton, relief of Bro. J. B. Hill...	100.00
Jan. 15.	27—Aug. H. Ackermann, Worshipful Master No. 132, Young America, relief of two children of late Bro. J. Martin.....	50.00
Jan. 15.	28—J. H. Strong, Worshipful Master No. 138, Atwater, relief of Bro. L. B. Woolson...	100.00
Jan. 15.	29—T. K. Mork, Worshipful Master No. 29, Wheaton, relief of Bro. T. E. Norgaard..	100.00
Jan. 15.	30—J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, relief of Bro. M. C. Burnside.....	100.00
Jan. 15.	31—Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary, 250 digests and distributing.....	197.50
Jan. 15.	32—J. C. Fischer, tiling for Custodians.....	15.00
Jan. 15.	33—J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, pay roll, 1897	2,306.35
Feb. 13.	34—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to March 15.	60.00
Feb. 13.	35—Thos. Montgomery, 1,250 phototypes, J. F. Lawless	43.75
Feb. 17.	63—Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	19.62
Feb. 25.	37—Pioneer Press Co., printing proceedings, 50 charters, etc.....	455.81
Feb. 27.	38—Stiles Raymond, Custodian.....	22.25
Mar. 6.	39—Stiles Raymond, Custodian.....	22.00
Mar. 11.	40—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to April 15.	60.00
Mar. 15.	41—Stiles Raymond, Custodian.....	26.85
Mar. 15.	42—Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	21.75
Mar. 31.	43—Thos. Montgomery, on salary.....	312.50
Mar. 31.	44—Thos. Montgomery, office rent first quarter.	50.00
April 13.	45—L. N. Bryant, insurance premium.....	48.00

April 11.	46—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to May 15..	60.00
April 13.	47—Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	14.80
May 3.	48—Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	18.70
May 14.	49—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to June 15...	60.00
May 31.	50—Thos. Montgomery, salary, April and May.	208.33
June 14.	51—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to July 15...	60.00
July 14.	52—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Aug. 15...	60.00
July 21.	53—Thos. Montgomery, office rent.....	100.00
July 21.	54—Thos. Montgomery, salary, June and July..	208.33
July 21.	55—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Sept. 15..	60.00
July 21.	56—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Oct. 15...	60.00
Oct. 20.	57—Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	13.00
Oct. 20.	58—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Nov. 15..	60.00
Nov. 18.	59—Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	9.00
Nov. 18.	60—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Dec. 15..	60.00
Dec. 1.	61—Thos. Montgomery, four months' salary...	416.67
Dec. 14.	62—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Jan. 14...	60.00
Dec. 14.	63—Stiles Raymond, Custodian.....	23.10
Dec. 23.	64—Thos. Montgomery, balance office rent, 1897 1898.	50.00
Jan. 8.	65—Stiles Raymond, Custodian.....	25.50
Jan. 8.	66—Thos. Montgomery, salary, December, 1897.	104.16
Total paid (66 orders herewith).....		\$7,987.97
Jan. 12, 1898.	Cash on hand to balance.....	12,003.91
Total		\$19,991.88

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

ANNUAL REPORT OF J. H. THOMPSON, TREASURER OF WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

1897.	Debit.	
Jan. 14.	To cash on hand as per report.....	\$3,139.10
Jan. 14.	To City of Minneapolis bonds, per report....	15,000.00
April 1.	To interest on \$15,000 bonds, six months.....	300.00
Oct. 1.	To interest on \$15,000 bonds, six months.....	300.00
1898.		
Jan. 1.	To interest on \$1,000 bonds, six months.....	20.00
Total		\$18,759.10

		<i>Credit.</i>	
1897.			
July 1.	By paid for City of Minneapolis bond.....	\$1,050.00	
1898.			
Jan. 3.	By paid for City of Minneapolis bond.....	1,070.00	
Jan. 12.	By fifteen City of Minneapolis bonds on hand..	15,000.00	
Jan. 12.	By cash on hand.....	1,639.10	
Total		\$18,759.10	
		<i>Assets.</i>	
1898.			
Jan. 12.	City of Minneapolis bonds.....	\$17,120.00	
Jan. 12.	Cash on hand.....	1,639.10	
Total		\$18,759.10	

J. H. THOMPSON,
Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Arrangements having been made for the exemplification of the work of the third degree on an actual candidate, from Cataract Lodge, No. 2, in the bosom of St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, said lodge was opened in form at 7:30 p. m., on the third degree, under the immediate direction of the Grand Master, with Bro. R. H. Hartley of No. 2 as Worshipful Master, Bro. Jean A. Flittie of No. 12 as Senior Warden, Jas. J. Earley of No. 3 as Junior Warden, assisted by the Masters of twenty-one lodges throughout the jurisdiction. At the completion of the work and lectures the lodge was closed, and the Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor at 11 p. m.

On motion of Bro. G. S. Ives (54), the thanks of Grand Lodge was voted to the officers participating in the work of the degree for their very efficient services.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

St. Paul, Thursday, Jan. 13, 1898.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 a. m. Officers and members as before.

On motion of Bro. Chas. Griswold, the sympathy of the Grand Lodge was extended to Bro. Robert C. Hine, Grand Orator, on account of his recent severe illness, with a request that he furnish a copy of his oration for publication in our proceedings.

REPORT ON RELIEF.

Bro. Geo. H. Davis, from the Special Committee on Relief, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to relief, fraternally report as follows:

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has more than once made a matter of record its profound sense of the obligation of every Mason and of every masonic body to relieve the distress of the needy, the suffering and the sorrowing. It has ever endeavored not only to inculcate but also to practice the grand principle that masonic charity should be circumscribed by no personal or territorial bounds, but that it should be as broad and generous as are the needs of suffering humanity. Charity, however, to be really effective, must be wisely and judiciously directed. When bestowed ignorantly and undeservedly its true purpose is defeated, and it pauperizes rather than elevates and blesses. We are therefore of opinion that all general petitions for masonic aid, emanating from either within or without this Grand Jurisdiction, and designed for general circulation among the craft, should be discountenanced and forbidden. Whenever misfortune or disaster so serious as to call for more than local relief shall befall a brother or a lodge, application for aid should be made by and through the Grand Master, through whose hands should also pass contributions for the relief of such distress. We know of no other method by which such general applications can be intelligently weighed and relief apportioned to existing needs.

The committee would also recommend the adoption of the Grand Master's suggestion that application for relief from the funds of this Grand Lodge shall, whenever possible, be filed with the Grand Master at least thirty days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge,

and that after investigation he shall recommend such action as he may deem wise and in accordance with masonic principles. The committee do not advise the limitation of Grand Lodge relief to cases in which application shall be thus made. Such a rule would work hardship and injustice, and is not in harmony with the spirit of this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge will see to it that no worthy application for relief shall pass unheeded. A large majority of cases, however, may be investigated in ample time to meet the needs of applicants, and the beneficences of the Grand Lodge be thus more wisely administered.

GEORGE H. DAVIS,
O. L. CUTTER,
F. H. PETERSON,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. Chas. Griswold, the election of officers was made the special order for 2 p. m. to-day.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted, and ordered published as an appendix to the proceedings.

REPORT ON LODGES U. S. D.

To the M. S. W., Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation respectfully report that we have carefully examined the minutes and papers submitted to us of the lodges at Elysian, Elbow Lake, and Mora, and recommend that charters be granted the lodges at Elysian and Mora, and that the dispensation to Park Region Lodge at Elbow Lake be continued another year, without fee.

We commend the manner of keeping the minutes of Mora Lodge U. S. D., except that to prevent interpolations we think they should be written on every continuous page instead of alternate pages.

ROYAL H. GOVE,
ALEX FIDDES,
BENJ. F. THURBER,
WALTER BIRCH,
EDGAR NASH,

Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Bro. C. L. Brown from the Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. A. W. A. Grand Lodge:

The Finance Committee beg to report that the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have been fully examined and considered and found correct, and in harmony with the facts. At the last session of the Grand Lodge the sum of \$200, or so much thereof as should be necessary, was appropriated to cover the contingent expenses in the office of the Grand Secretary. An order on the Treasurer was drawn for this amount, and the money paid to the Grand Secretary. The committee find, from an examination of the vouchers in the hands of the Grand Secretary, relating to the expenditure of this fund, that but \$180.88 has been necessarily expended and that there remains in his hands the sum of \$19.12.

The action of the Grand Master in apportioning the rent of the Grand Secretary's office is considered, and found by the committee to be fair and just, and we recommend that his said action be in all things approved.

We find that, by error in computation, the Grand Secretary reports the gross receipts at the sum of \$8,128.75, when in fact the amount should be \$8,133.15. The difference of \$4.40 will appear in the receipts of the present year.

C. L. BROWN,
D. M. BALDWIN,
JOHN S. NELSON,
B. F. FARMER,
H. M. TUSLER,

Committee.

MASONIC INSURANCE.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. H. R. Wells, was adopted as a substitute for his resolution of a similar character offered last year, and laid over for consideration at this session. (See page 58, Proceedings 1897.)

Resolved, That it shall be deemed unmasonic for any Mason within this jurisdiction to hereafter become a member of any insurance company having or using masonic insignia or the term masonic, or referring to the masonic fraternity in its title, or using illustrations or representations of masonic emblems on its business cards, circulars or correspondence; and it shall be deemed unmasonic for any Mason to hereafter solicit any person in this jurisdiction to become a member or beneficiary in any such organization using title or emblems indicated; *provided*, that this resolution shall not take effect until March 31, 1899.

GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

Bro. G. S. Ives from the special Committee on the Grand Lodge of Peru read the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee on that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the action of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Peru, in issuing an edict substituting the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Peru for the "Holy Bible" upon the altars of masonic lodges in that jurisdiction, respectfully report:

Masonry has ever regarded the Bible as one of its great lights; a safe, sure and infallible rule and guide of faith, and the basis of all our moral teachings. Without it, our great fraternity, whose rapid growth has excited the wonder of the world and whose influence for the upbuilding of human character and the development of the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth has been so widely extended would soon lose its way and go down to obscurity and oblivion.

If we should ignore this action of the Grand Master of Peru, in which he seeks to change the plan and very ground-work of the masonic institution, we would be derelict of the duties which we as Masons are bound to perform. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we heartily approve and indorse that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the action of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Peru.

Resolved, That all masonic intercourse between this Grand Lodge and the lodges and Masons of its obedience and the Grand Lodge of Peru, and any man or body of men claiming or professing to be Freemasons acknowledging allegiance to said Grand Lodge of Peru is hereby prohibited.

G. S. IVES,
LE ROY BROWN,
GEORGE L. WOOD,
Committee.

REPORT ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

Bro. Geo. H. Davis submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Obituaries, in behalf of this Grand Lodge, extends fraternal greeting and assurance of sympathy to those Sis-

ter Grand Jurisdictions which have been called to mourn the decease of worthy, well-beloved, and distinguished Grand Officers. To those who have faithfully borne the burdens and discharged the duties of their stations death comes not as a misfortune but as an entrance into life. The true and upright live on, though in body absent, and continue to mould and quicken the lives of men in all ages. The Grand Body which can number among its deceased members men of this type has a roll of honor which should ever be an inspiration and a strength to those who survive.

Our own Grand Jurisdiction has been called to bid adieu to several old and honored leaders. Bro. David Burt Loomis was known to but few of the active members of this Grand Lodge. He was one of the earliest members of the Grand Lodge, and his work was that of a now past generation. The estimation in which he was held by the craft is evidenced by the fact that he was the recipient of many honors, and was for more than three years Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Henry N. Setzer was another of the founders of Masonry in Minnesota, and was, with a single exception, the last surviving member of Minnesota's first Grand Lodge. His worthiness of character is attested by the many positions of honor and responsibility to which he was elevated by his fellow citizens in civic life and his brethren in Masonry.

Bros. Chas. E. Macomber and Loren R. Davis have been called to their rest. Their memories are engraven on the hearts of their brethren. May they rest in peace.

Luther Zoan Rogers—a true man! a good, honored, and useful citizen! A loyal, faithful and devoted Mason! His life has become a worthy part of the history of this Grand Lodge. The principles of Freemasonry were firmly rooted in his character and exemplified in his life. His integrity of purpose and his fearless discharge of duty will always be an inspiration to all who knew him. The world and the masonic fraternity are the better and the stronger because of his life. No nobler tribute can be given to the memory of mortal man—

“Give him, O Lord, perpetual rest, and may light eternal shine upon him.”

GEORGE H. DAVIS,

O. C. TRACE,

E. N. McCORD,

Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 1:45 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

St. Paul, Thursday, Jan. 13, 1898.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1:45 p. m.

REPORT ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Bro. H. R. Wells read the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. & W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to decisions, fraternally report that they have considered the same and find that said decision is in accordance with masonic law and usage, and recommend its approval.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
J. A. KIESTER,
ALPHONSO BARTO,
H. R. DENNY,
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived set for the election of officers, the following tellers were appointed: E. F. Barrett (45), Olof Olson (104), A. D. Countryman (137), O. L. Dornberg (91), J. J. Earley (3), Harry M. Wells (36).

Past Grand Master A. Barto presided during the election.

Ballots were ordered for each elective officer, the Grand Secretary calling the roll of all entitled to vote. The following officers were duly elected:

Alonzo T. Stebbins, Rochester.....M. & W. Grand Master
Alonzo Brandenburg, Fergus Falls...R. & W. Deputy Grand Master
John H. Randall, Minneapolis.....R. & W. Senior Grand Warden
Ambrose D. Countryman, Appleton...R. & W. Junior Grand Warden
Joseph H. Thompson, Minneapolis.....R. & W. Grand Treasurer
Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul.....R. & W. Grand Secretary

When the election of Grand Master Stebbins was announced he was escorted into the hall by Grand Master Lawless, accompanied by Past Grand Masters Nash, Griswold, Durant, Wells, and Brown, and after formal introduction to Grand Lodge was conducted to the Grand East, where he expressed his appreciation of the high honor conferred, and pledged faithful service during his term of office.

While the ballots were being counted the following committees reported:

REPORT ON CUSTODIANS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to the Custodians beg leave to report that it is the opinion of your committee, that the work of the Custodians has been and continues to be of great benefit to the craft throughout this jurisdiction, and that the money heretofore appropriated for the purpose of disseminating the work as taught by the Custodians has been money well spent.

Your committee therefore heartily concur with the Grand Master in recommending that the sum of \$400 be appropriated for the Board of Custodians during the current year, and that the further sum of \$100 be appropriated for the purpose of holding the customary school of instruction during the week of the Grand Lodge in 1899. Your committee would further recommend that the matter of granting request for schools of instruction to one lodge only, be left to the discretion of the Grand Master, and that he be authorized to allow the Custodians of each district per diem and mileage for visiting only one lodge for the purpose of instruction, whenever in his judgment the circumstances in each case will justify such action and the good of the order will be thereby promoted.

Fraternally submitted,

B. F. FARMER,
M. C. SULLIVAN,
DAVID W. KNOWLTON,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON RETURNS OF LODGES.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Returns of Lodges have examined the returns of 205 chartered lodges and three lodges U. D., and present herewith the result of our investigation. We recommend that the sev-

eral lodges be charged the amounts stated in the accompanying abstract as their fees and dues for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897:

(For abstract, see Appendix.)

Total membership Jan. 1, 1897..... 15,481
During the year there have been—

Initiated	764	
Passed	720	
Raised	731	
Restored	53	
Joined	285	
Total gain.....	—	1,069

There were during the year—

Withdrawn	385	
Stricken from the roll.....	291	
Suspended	5	
Expelled	8	
Died	170	
Total loss	—	859
Net gain	—	210

Total membership Jan. 1, 1898..... 15,691

Total fees and dues due Grand Lodge.....	\$7,975.00
Total fees and dues received.....	7,938.00

The following are the assets and liabilities so far as reported:

Delinquent dues	\$32,613.80
Other assets	290,062.64
Liabilities	35,802.56

There are \$6,000 less dues delinquent than last year, and \$2,000 less liabilities, while the assets have increased \$53,000, which shows a gratifying condition in the financial affairs of the craft.

Lodges doing no work in 1897.....	22
Lodges with more than 100 members.....	36
Lodges reporting an increase in membership.....	124
Lodges reporting a decrease in membership.....	59
Lodges reporting no change.....	23

We are much pleased to report a far less number of errors than ever before, and desire to extend our thanks to Secretaries for the uniformly excellent manner in which they have prepared their returns.

We note the following errors:

Omit seal, Nos. 45, 156, 175, 184.

Omit lodge numbers, Nos. 93, 186, 187, 199, 215.

No. 32 reports three initiated, remits fees for only two, owes \$1.
No. 33 owes dues for one member, forty cents.

No. 86 reports eight initiated, remits for only six, owes \$2.

No. 92 fails to remit dues for two honorary members, owes eighty cents.

No. 151 owes dues for one member, forty cents.

No. 199 reports five passed and raised, pays for only four, owes \$1.60. Also reports one withdrawn, but does not give name or date.

No. 174 omits dates of three withdrawn.

No. 167 omits date of one withdrawn.

No. 145 omits date of one restored.

No. 106 omits lodge numbers of those withdrawn and died.

One of the dangers which confront us lies in the constantly increasing list of members stricken from the roll. Fifty more were thus excommunicated than last year, while only fifty-three of those cut off in 1897 and former years were restored. In our opinion the cause of so much dead timber lies in the Secretaries, who have it also in their power to apply the remedy. If Secretaries would use as much diligence and energy in the collection of lodge dues as they do in their own business, there would be far fewer cases of long-standing delinquents. We urge that every effort be made to keep our lodge rolls intact, and that striking off be resorted to only in extreme cases.

We are glad to report that thirteen less of our number have been transferred to the Grand Lodge above than in 1897.

The net gain in membership is smaller than for a number of years, but when we consider the numerous societies which are struggling for existence, and that the siren song of the lodge organizer is heard on every street corner, the increase is highly gratifying.

All the lodges have filed returns, most of them in ample time.

We again desire to thank our efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, for generous assistance.

Faternally submitted,

A. D. COUNTRYMAN,

O. C. HANSON,

O. L. DORNBERG,

Committee.

Adopted.

ON ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred that part of the M.: W.: Grand Master's address relating to the lodges constituted during the past masonic year, have had the same under consideration, and very respectfully report that no doubt is

entertained by your committee that said lodges were duly and properly constituted in accordance with the laws, usages, and customs of the Ancient Craft.

Your committee further report that there has not been any matter of special importance submitted to them for consideration demanding the attention of this Grand Lodge.

C. W. NASH,
E. W. DURANT,
SAM. E. ADAMS,
E. P. BARNUM,
Committee.

Adopted.

ON ROUGH ASHLER AND AMBOY LODGES.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address pertaining to Rough Ashler Lodge, No. 177, and Amboy Lodge, No. 193, beg leave to report:

1. ROUGH ASHLER LODGE, NO. 177.

This lodge is located at Belle Plaine, a place said to contain some 1,200 inhabitants, the lodge having seventeen members, of whom only twelve appear to be resident members. It has initiated no new members for the past two years, and since November, 1894, has held but thirteen meetings, of which one was a special meeting in December, 1895, to meet the District Deputy Grand Master.

It has ninety dollars in the treasury, owes nothing, and owns its lodge furniture.

Dec. 8, 1897, it held a meeting with but six members present, yet at that meeting the form of electing officers was gone through with. No installation followed, because of illegality. We learn, however, in extenuation, that a seventh Master Mason was present who three years before had removed from Belle Plaine, taking a dimit, and being elected a member of a lodge at River Falls, Wis., from which place he returned six months thereafter, and seems to have attended almost every meeting of Lodge No. 177 held thereafter, and was looked upon there as a member, though he had not dimitted from the Wisconsin lodge. It was only at the close of the December 8th meeting that this was called to the attention of the lodge.

Thereafter, on Jan. 12, 1898, an election was duly held on special dispensation granted therefor, and there were present ten members and three visitors, new officers being elected unanimously, including all those illegally elected on December 8th.

We have been assured that there has been a reawakening of masonic zeal since the meeting of December 8th, and that it is prob-

able that the lodge will, if permitted to retain and work under its existing charter, thoroughly post itself as to masonic work, laws, rules, and regulations, and endeavor to do effective work in future; also, that there is prospect of immediate accessions to its membership, without solicitation.

We recommend that another year be given this lodge, as prayed, within which to redeem itself.

2. AMBOY LODGE, NO. 193.

No sufficient proof has been presented to your committee in substantiation of the first, second, fifth, and sixth specifications of the statement referred to us. The proof on the second specification seems conclusive of the fact that the Holy Bible has at all times been upon the altar in the lodge room; the charter seems to have been always present, but in a roll in the Secretary's possession. The proof shows absolutely that the lodge never adjourned to a saloon or elsewhere, as set forth in specification six.

As to specification three, it is proven that moneys have been voted and other business transacted at meetings of the lodge at which no quorum was present.

As to specification four, we find that on September 15th, at a regular meeting, petition for degrees was received and referred to a committee. On September 22d, at a special meeting, the committee reported on this petition, the report was received, the ballot spread, and the candidate declared elected to receive the degrees, without payment of the required fee.

Your committee desires to further report on matters not set forth in the specifications, as follows:

As stated in the address of the Grand Master, on December 15th, this lodge elected as Worshipful Master a Mason who had never served any lodge as Warden, and it seems that he was made a Mason Sept. 22, 1897, and did not make final payment for his degrees until the meeting at which he was elected Worshipful Master.

This vote being illegal, a special dispensation was granted by the Grand Master for the purpose of holding an election, and a meeting therefor was held Jan. 5, 1898. At that meeting Bro. G. W. Wareham was elected Worshipful Master, though he had never filled a Warden's chair. We find that he was installed on the 7th of January, 1898, without taking the Past Master's degree, and that his predecessor has never received the Past Master's degree.

Brother Wareham was at the time a Royal Arch Past Master, and it seems that the brethren considered him qualified by reason of that fact. We learn from testimony of all concerned that Brother Wareham is a sincere, earnest, upright Mason, and believe he has been sinned against and has not sinned in this matter, if there be anything more than mistake.

We find prevailing in this lodge the densest ignorance of masonic law and usage, and no apparent concern as to the work or its proper performance.

It has been the custom to confer all degrees without payment of the required fees, occasionally a brother vouching for their future payment, and members being carried on the books for their fees for months, and in two instances at least, for about a year.

We find that, on more than one occasion, business has been transacted without a quorum, if the Secretary's minutes are correct.

We find that the candidates were not required to post the records showing that they were examined on preceding degrees, when in fact they were not.

All of the work of this lodge during the past two years shows such ignorance, carelessness, and disregard of masonic obligations that your committee feels justified in recommending, and do recommend, that the charter of Amboy Lodge, No. 193, be arrested.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. C. WHITE,
J. D. MARKHAM,
LOUIS L. MANWARING,
Committee.

Adopted.

ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Bro. H. R. Denny submitted the following report on appropriations, which was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appropriations recommend that the following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated from the general fund of this Grand Lodge for the purposes stated, to wit:

Expenses of Grand Master Lawless for 1897.....	\$300.00
Salary of Grand Secretary, 1898.....	1,250.00
Services of Bro. Irving Todd, Ass't Grand Secretary, 1898.	25.00
Services of Grand Tyler, Bro. J. Fischer.....	31.00
Contingent expenses of Grand Secretary.....	150.00
Office rent, Grand Secretary.....	200.00
Printing proceedings and other printing.....	400.00
Binding proceedings	100.00
Pay roll	2,500.00
Board of Custodians	400.00
Insurance Grand Lodge property.....	50.00
Committee of Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00
Relief of Mrs. Eleanor C. Pierson.....	720.00

Constellation Lodge, No. 81, relief of Bro. M. E. Van Cott.	100.00
Pickwick Lodge, No. 110, relief of widow and orphans of Bro. Wm. Dickson.....	75.00
Sherburne Lodge, No. 95, relief of widow of Bro. P. O. Hawes	100.00
Kodahya Lodge, No. 153, relief of Bro. L. C. Cummins....	200.00
J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, relief of Bro. M. C. Burnside	100.00
Howard Lodge, No. 82, relief of Bro. B. F. Jackson.....	50.00
Fidelity Lodge, No. 39, relief of Bro. Wm. Vandegrift.....	100.00
St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, expenses last sickness and funeral of our Past Deputy Grand Master, Henry N. Setzer...	200.00
Oriental Lodge, No. 34, relief of orphan son of Bro. H. Man- ning	100.00
Social Lodge, No. 48, relief of widow of Brother Amodee..	50.00
Hope Lodge, No. 42, relief of Mrs. T. Turnbull.....	50.00
Mount Morah Lodge, No. 35, relief of Bro. Wm. E. Lee...	200.00
Canby Lodge, No. 147, relief of widow and orphans of Bro. W. N. Miller.....	100.00
Mystic Circle Lodge, No. 78, relief of widow of Bro. W. B. Mitchell	50.00
Orion Lodge, No. 138, relief of Bro. L. B. Woolson.....	100.00
Prairie Lodge, No. 123, relief of widow of Bro. Geo. A. Rey- nolds	100.00
Josephus Lodge, No. 128, relief of Bro. J. B. Hill.....	100.00
Sharon Lodge, No. 104, relief of widow of Bro. P. A. Odell.	100.00
Star in the West Lodge, No. 60, relief of Bro. Wm. Germain	100.00
Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 89, relief of Bro. J. H. McKenny.	50.00
Widows' and Orphans' fund.....	2,000.00
Stewartville Lodge, No. 203, Grand Lodge dues.....	25.60
Bro. T. H. Warren, Second Assistant Secretary.....	5.00

Your committee would also recommend that the amount of the unexpended appropriation in the treasury of Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 89, be expended for the relief of Bro. J. H. McKenny; also, that a duplicate charter be issued to Stewartville Lodge, No. 203, without fee.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
A. S. CROSSFIELD,
Committee.

REPORT ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Brownsville Lodge, No. 73, for the turning

over of the fees for the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, conferred by Agate Lodge, No. 169, upon Geo. L. Winslow, Jr., over whom said Brownsville Lodge claims masonic jurisdiction, would report, that, as there has been no appearance by the representatives of said Agate Lodge before this committee, we are unable to report upon the merits of the case, and would therefore recommend that the said matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master for adjustment.

C. W. GILMORE,
C. L. WEST,
L. M. LERWICK,
A. J. SNURE,
Committee.

Adopted.

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To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Selner Fellows, an Entered Apprentice, from the action of Janesville Lodge, No. 124, expelling him from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, would report that they have carefully examined the records of said trial returned by Janesville Lodge of expulsion of said Fellows, and find that the said trial was not conducted according to the rules laid down in the trial code, in this: There were no charges in writing preferred against said Fellows; there was no notice served upon him of any charges, or that the charges were of such a nature that they could not be reduced to writing; that there was no hearing of the matter in conformity to the trial code; that when a vote of the lodge was taken upon the question of expulsion the accuser was present and voted; that the record fails to show that the expulsion was sustained by a two-thirds vote of the members of said lodge present and voting.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the action of Janesville Lodge, No. 124, in said matter be and the same is in all things reversed and set aside, with leave granted to the proper officer of said lodge to receive and act upon proper charges therein.

C. W. GILMORE,
C. L. WEST,
L. M. LERWICK,
A. J. SNURE,
Committee.

Adopted.

ON RESIDUE OF ADDRESS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred the residue of the Grand Master's address beg leave to report that we have made diligent

search and inquiry for such "residue," and have found but very little not referred to and considered by other committees.

We commend the work of the Grand Master and other Grand Officers during the past masonic year, and especially the sound business methods which the Grand Master has employed in administering the affairs of the craft.

We also commend that part of his address referring to District Deputies. A brother who has been honored by an appointment to the responsible position of District Deputy should perform the duties pertaining to that position according to the best of his ability, and make due report thereof.

We note with pleasure the honor conferred upon our Grand Master by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges of North Dakota and Manitoba. In honoring our Grand Master they honored the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and the entire masonic fraternity in this jurisdiction, and we assure these Grand Lodges that we as Minnesota Masons fully appreciate these courtesies. The spirit of fraternity that no state or national line can circumscribe meets a hearty response in the hearts of all Masons throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Minnesota.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. ROCKWELL,
H. O. DILLEY,
C. H. FOSS,
Committee.

Concurred in.

REPORT ON PAY ROLL.

Bro. J. H. Thompson, Chairman of Committee on Pay Roll, reported the roll prepared, and was granted permission to pay the members their mileage and per diem in the adjoining lodge room, his full report to be filed with the Grand Secretary when completed. (See Appendix for report.)

Bro. E. P. Barnum, from the Board of Custodians, reported back the funeral service referred to said board without recommendation, except that it be returned to its author with thanks, which was so ordered.

It was voted that the use in any masonic hall or lodge room by any brother, of any book purporting to give the secret or unwritten work of the three degrees, if permitted by the Worshipful Master, shall, on presentation of such fact to the Grand Master, be sufficient cause for the arrest of the charter of the lodge in which the offense occurs.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Master elect announced the following as the appointed officers:

Henry R. Adams, Minneapolis.....W.: Grand Orator
 Robert Forbes, Duluth.....W.: Grand Chaplain
 Jared G. Wheeler, Kasson.....W.: Senior Grand Deacon
 Edwin F. Barrett, Le Sueur.....W.: Junior Grand Deacon
 John D. Carroll, Newport.....W.: Grand Marshal
 Louis L. Manwaring, Stillwater.....W.: Grand Standard Bearer
 Melville C. Sullivan, Granite Falls.....W.: Grand Sword Bearer
 Enoch Stott, Winona.....W.: Senior Grand Steward
 Alexander Fiddes, Jackson.....W.: Junior Grand Steward
 W. B. Mitson, Alexandria.....W.: Grand Pursuivant
 Jean C. Fischer, St. Paul.....W.: Grand Tyler

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers were then duly installed by the retiring Grand Master, J. F. Lawless.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Committee on Finance—Wm. A. McGonagle (79), J. S. Nelson (111), J. C. Flittie (12), A. S. Crossfield (153), H. M. Tusler (163).

Committee on Returns—John M. Rowley (21), O. C. Hanson (133), L. R. Barto (60).

Committee on Correspondence—Irving Todd, T. Montgomery, E. P. Barnum.

Bro. Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, who had recently made a tour of Ireland, Scotland, and England, presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. On behalf of said Grand Lodges, now for the first time represented at this Grand Lodge, he conveyed their fraternal greetings to the craft in Minnesota, and expressed a hope that the bond of fraternal union now happily existing between said Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota would remain perpetually unbroken. A handsome Representative's jewel of gold accompanied the commission from Ireland. His commission from Scotland was handed him in person while in Edinburgh.

THANKS.

On motion of Bro. T. Montgomery, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to the Masonic Union of St. Paul for the free use of Masonic Hall and adjoining apartments; also, to the several railroads traversing Minnesota for reduced fare.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed at 6:15 p. m., in Ample Form, the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Robert Forbes, leading in prayer.



ALONZO T. STEBBINS,
Grand Master.

Attest:

Thos. Montgomery

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

ORATION.

BY ROBERT C. HINE, GRAND ORATOR.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

It is not my intention at this time to indulge in oratory or to lead up to any climax or anti-climax, but rather to give you a plain everyday talk about the Masonry of to-day and its teachings and position in the world. First let me hurriedly run over part of its early history.

Freemasonry is an institution whose origin is so remote that it is almost useless to speculate as to the time of its beginning, its antecedents or the causes which brought it into being. Various periods have been named by different masonic writers as the time of its origin, and each writer seems to have had a different theory in regard to it. Some trace it to what are known as the ancient mysteries and others to the craft guilds of Europe; but more frequently its origin is referred to the time of the building of the Temple of Solomon to the Most High God.

I believe it has been a gradual growth, perhaps from times prior to the building of Solomon's Temple, perhaps since that time.

In tracing the history of Masonry, it seems to me it should be separated into two distinct parts; first, that which may be called the basis or substance, such as the rough and perfect ashler, the trowel, square and compass and other working tools; and second, the ritual. The history of the first part is one thing, that of the ritual is quite a different matter. The ancient mysteries referred to are principally classed as the Orphic, Bacchic, Eleusinian, Samóthracian, Cabric, and Mithian. We are told that they taught the doctrine of the future life, the eternal punishment of the wicked; that the design of initiation was to restore the soul to that state from which it fell; that the initiated would be happier than other mortals; and that their souls would wing their flight directly to the happy islands and the habitations of the gods. We can hardly believe that those tools and implements of masonry which have been selected by the fraternity to impress upon the mind wise and serious truths, ever held any place in these mysteries. The ashlers and the working tools belonged peculiarly to the building trades, and it is through them that we must trace the origin of that part of our great institution.

On the other hand, many parts of our ritual bear close resemblance to the initiatory ceremonies of those ancient mysteries and

doubtless have been derived from them. I apprehend therefore that here may be found the principal cause of such wide difference of opinion shown by different writers as to the origin of Masonry. Some have tried to trace the history of one part and some that of the other.

One thing, however, is true, that whenever or wherever it originated, our earliest knowledge of it reaching back into the dim light of the past is that it consisted of active, practical, operative, skilled artificers. Its purpose and object as we first find it was to associate and educate practical workmen and to protect and preserve as a monopoly the secrets of architecture and building. Advancement was only attained by proficiency. The lodges were officered by men distinguished for their operative ability and the craft were educated along these lines. These features have long since disappeared, and Masonry exists to-day as an educator along moral lines only.

It is perhaps true that while men in the early dawn of the world were following that instinct which is rooted in the breasts of all people, of preparing for an existence in a future state and recognizing the existence of a being superior to themselves or God, they also recognized the interdependence of man. This would naturally lead to the formation and organization of societies for mutual help, protection and security. And this idea has been preserved in the teachings of our lectures. We are taught that a survey of Nature and the observation of her beautiful proportions first determined man to imitate the divine plan and study symmetry and order. This gave rise to societies and birth to every useful art. The architect began to design, etc. It appears to me that this is a sufficient explanation of the origin of this society. The first aspirations of man were of a religious nature, the societies he organized were religious ones, the associations he formed were of a religious character. Afterwards appears the operative features, and while they may have been corollary to the first idea, nevertheless they followed it chronologically.

It is possible that there gradually became engrafted upon these societies, while continuing their religious character, the operative features of various trades, and from them arose in this way the various guilds of workmen and trades unions which increased in numbers and power and finally spread over all Europe, and one of which the trade of the builder or workers in stone, gradually developing, formed the basis from which the masonic order derives its existence.

The business of the original builders' guilds was to learn how to build, and this secret was carefully preserved. Their occupation consisted largely in building the beautiful and delicate church edifices of Europe. When a church building was determined upon the local masons were required to be reinforced with others from distant

parts of the land, and thus were congregated large numbers of craftsmen who during the progress of the building dwelt in booths erected near at hand, and there held their meetings to devise plans for the building. As they were thus a traveling organization signs and symbols were devised in order that a mason, having proven himself competent in one part of the country, could be accepted as such without further evidences of skill in another. It is natural that, devoting themselves so largely to church building, they should have been favored and encouraged by the clergy and the monasteries.

Two causes, however, operated to overthrow the operative features of the societies. First, the growth of ability to perform the work among men not affiliated with the societies, or cowans, and second, the introduction of strangers among the workmen.

Gradually, there grew up alongside these guilds a body of operatives not included in their membership who nevertheless were masons, and who, though bitterly opposed by the guilds as well as by legislation, increased in skill and had a tendency to break down the monopoly held by the guilds.

The introduction of nonoperatives while it tended to overthrow the operative features of masonry, probably also tended to continue the existence of the organization, for, were it not for them, the old societies would probably long ago have been forgotten, as has actually been the case with guilds of other trades, as the guild of free carpenters, the guild of free tailors, etc.

There is strong evidence that among the building guilds prior to this time and so long as they maintained their operative features there existed but one degree, that of the apprentice. All the work of the lodge was done in this degree as it is in some countries to-day. After serving an apprenticeship for a certain period and giving proof of his operative ability the apprentice could become fellow or journeyman. At this advancement apprentices could be present and even presided. The Earl of Cassilis was Master of the Lodge of Kilwinning in 1670, though only an apprentice. The Earl of Eglington occupied the chair after him, but was only an apprentice. Lord William Cochran in 1678 was a warden, although simply an apprentice. The rituals of the different degrees, as we have them now, were produced after the extinction of the operative features, and doubtless were borrowed from the ceremonies of some of the ancient mysteries.

At what period in its history the doors were first opened and nonoperative members were admitted cannot now be definitely determined. It is doubtless true, for human nature has changed very little, that men of wealth or of social or political position frequently sought the support of the craft, and on the other hand it may be true that the order sought to strengthen its position by cultivating men of high standing. These two forces would naturally lead us to believe that other than operatives were at times admitted even at

an early day. In the thirteenth century we find that a nobleman, William de Saint Patre, was appointed by Louis IX. as Grand Master of the craft at Paris. We are told that at the time of Edward III. in England, the sheriff, mayor or aldermen of the city in which a lodge was held might be made a Fellow. In Scotland the first record of a nonoperative being present is 1600, when John Boswell, Esq., of Auchinleck, is mentioned in the minutes of the lodge. In 1634 Rt. Hon. Lord Alexander was made a Fellow, and tried to establish a colony on the St. Lawrence river. His brother, the Earl of Stirling, was admitted the same day, and frequent admissions appear after that. In the old lodge at Aberdeen, out of forty-nine members in 1670, only eight were known to be operative masons. Perhaps as large a percentage could be found in many lodges to-day. In the famous diary of Elias Ashmole is found the following under date of 1682: "March 10th, received a summons to appear before a lodge at Mason's Hall, London. Eleventh, went and was admitted into the fellowship of Freemasons. Sir William Wilson, Knight, was senior fellow, being thirty-five years since making. Dined at dinner at expense of the new accepted mason."

Such then was the condition of the masonic societies about the year 1700. Their business as architects and builders was gone; outsiders were performing what work was to be done, and there was no longer demand for their operative labors. Their lodges were filled and their membership composed largely of men wholly unable to perform those duties, even if called upon. What was then to be done? Should the society be allowed to disappear and die? All praise is due to the masonic fathers of that time who in their wisdom preserved from destruction this great institution.

About the year 1700 a formal proclamation was made to the effect that henceforth the privileges and right of initiation into the mysteries should no longer, even in theory, be limited to architects or operative masons, but that all men of whatever profession, after having been regularly approved and elected, should be entitled to the degrees and become members of the fraternity. From this date Masonry was publicly recognized as resting from its operative labors. On the 24th of June, 1717, three lodges of London, and perhaps others, united to form a Grand Lodge. It was organized on the basis that old and immemorial usages and landmarks should be sacredly perpetuated, and through it the symbols, rites and ceremonies have been preserved, and with slight modifications exist to-day. This Grand Lodge was soon met by opposition and antagonism and a rival Grand Lodge was formed, which continued for many years, but finally, in 1813, the difficulties and dissensions were overcome and there emerged the United Grand Lodge of England. From these Grand Lodges and their creations the science of Freemasonry has been extended to all lands.

The institution has stood the test of years and has come through trials and persecutions glorious and triumphant and stands to-day

an exponent of what is good and praiseworthy in man, morally, socially and politically.

It matters little, however, to us what was the origin of this institution, how it arose and what called it into being. We must take it as we find it at the present time, and what concerns us is, what is it doing now; what is its reason for existence, and if its objects and principles are good, how shall we perpetuate them to our posterity? "Let the dead past bury its dead."

I do not believe that it is necessary to invoke the doubtful prestige of ancient descent to perpetuate what is valuable in Masonry. What is valuable will survive whether four or four thousand years old, and what is valueless will disappear, notwithstanding it may have the sanction of many years of life.

"The design of the masonic institution is to make its votaries wiser, better and consequently happier." These are among the first words heard by a candidate on his admission within the lodge. "We receive none knowingly into our midst except those who are moral and upright before God and of good repute before the world." We should add and enforce one further requirement, namely, that we allow none except such to remain in our fellowship.

In the accomplishment of these objects what duties have we to perform?

Man has two objects in life, to provide for the wants of his mortal existence and to secure happiness in the future state. Everything he does has for its ultimate object the attainment of one or the other of these ends. Masonry addresses itself and directs its teachings to both of these objects. It also teaches us the duty we owe to ourselves, to our fellow beings, to our country, and to our God. These are fully explained to every candidate for its mysteries, and no better, cleaner or more concise code of morals could ever be devised than are inculcated in the several masonic lectures.

Masonry is also practical in dealing with the ever-returning wants of the needy and suffering about us.

Probably there are few here who have not known or heard of the practical benefits of Freemasonry, its unheralded charitable care of the widow and the orphan, its brotherly love and kind attention to the sick and needy, and the advantages of recognition among the brethren.

I may be pardoned for calling attention to one or two instances of this masonic recognition. The experiences of Worshipful Brother Langford of this city are perhaps familiar to some of you, but his first masonic recognition in Montana less than forty years ago was so peculiar that it may be of interest. He left St. Paul for Montana in a company of about 130 persons, bound for the then newly discovered gold fields at Bannack City. After traveling many days, he, with a few others, left the main body and took a different route. Let me give the incident in his own words:

"I was then a 'tenderfoot,' just from the well-ordered civilization of the States, where all liberty was regulated by law. I had not even

the ordinary longing of young men for adventure. I had, a fortnight before, had my first experience with the dreaded Blackfoot Indians, when some forty of them surrounded the spot where my two comrades and myself were camped for the night.

"On our journey to Grasshopper Creek, near Bannack, we occasionally met a traveler who, in response to our inquiries concerning the new diggings, informed us that it was a 'a perfect hell,' and that they 'had a man for breakfast every morning.' In the midst of such surroundings as these, where every stranger was regarded as an enemy, I felt that I was 'a long way from home.' So when I saw four men riding toward us at a gallop, from the mouth of the cañon from which they had just emerged, each with a double-barreled shotgun across the pommel of his saddle, I had no doubt that they were highwaymen and that they counted us as their prey. So we all thought; and each man instinctively grasped his gun and awaited the course of events. As all save one rode on, my immediate fears were relieved, though all suspicion was not disarmed, as he addressed his questions to one of our party nearest himself. His first question was:

"'Whose train is this?' The reply was:

"'Nobody's; we own the wagons among ourselves.'

"'Where are you from?'

"'From Minnesota.'

"'How many men were there in your train?'

"'About one hundred and thirty.'

"I had been standing about thirty feet from him, and had been eyeing him intently during this conversation, when as by a lightning bolt out of a clear sky I was startled by the question:

"'Was there a man named H— A— in your train?'

"'No, sir; no such man.'

"'Did you ever hear of such a man?'

"'I never did,' replied one of my comrades.

"'I know of no one of that name,' said another.

"It is utterly impossible for me to convey to you any idea of the sensations inspired by that one question:

"'Was there a man named H— A— in your train?'

"The transition, in an instant, from a condition where I expected momentarily to engage in a life struggle with a highway robber, to that wherein the supposed robber was recognized as a brother who would come to my relief unless there was a greater probability of losing his life than of saving my own, is an experience which falls to the lot of few men.

"After receiving the negative answers from my comrades (none of whom were Masons), he turned his horse's head to the road and spurred into a gallop, when I hailed him:

"'Wait a minute, and I'll ride along with you.' As I joined him I asked him his name. He replied:

"'My name is Gwin.' Our conversation then ran on about as follows:

"Langford—'Of whom were you inquiring of the boys back there?'

"Gwin (turning and gazing fixedly at me)—'I was asking about a man named H—— A——.'

"Langford—'Well, I know about him, though my partners don't.'

"Gwin—'What do you know about him?'

"Langford—'Well, he traveled the same road I went over, and I heard he was killed by three ruffians.'

"Gwin—'Are you a Mason?'

"Langford—'I am.'

"We then went through a course of mutual masonic examination as we rode along, until about 3 p. m., when we reached Birch creek. As I knew that my comrades with their slow-paced oxen would not drive farther than that point for their night camp, I said I'd go no farther; and with a hearty hand-shake my newly found brother left me to overtake his companions whom we could discern from time to time, ahead of us, as each ascended some rising ground. The experiences of that day, I can never forget. I afterwards met Brother Gwin at Grasshopper creek (Bannack), and after the funeral of Brother Bell, in rehearsing the incident to some of the brethren, he said that he was no less rejoiced than I was to meet a brother Mason at that time.

"The ride that afternoon was a delightful one, and I found Brother Gwin as large in heart as he was in physique. He was about six feet five inches in height, of brawny frame, and the 'strong grip' of his right hand was like that 'of the lion's paw.' He was in more ways than one a tower of strength in our meetings later on at Bannack.

"Brother Gwin did not live to see the reign of order and peace. He was killed by Indians on the Missouri river during the summer of 1863.

"As an interesting sequel to that day's experience I will mention that when my comrades reached Birch creek and found me sitting by the side of a rousing fire with which I welcomed them to camp, they expressed their gratification at my safety, and chided me not gently for my recklessness in riding so far ahead of the train 'with an entire stranger.' They could not reconcile such recklessness with my usual caution. I said nothing, but pondered all these sayings in my heart, and my profane comrades were none the wiser."

Some fifteen years ago Brother Richardson was in the interior of Australia. The district was wild and unsettled and infested with robbers. He had with him two companions not Masons. Night came on and they lost their way. After wandering about for some time they saw a light in a cabin some distance away. It was well known to them that after nightfall no house would be opened to receive strangers, but they decided to make the trial as they could not be

any worse off. So going to the door Brother Richardson knocked and a voice from within asked who was there. He replied, "Three wayfaring men seeking a passage out of the country." To their surprise the door was opened at once and they were admitted and cared for. The occupant of the cabin happened to be a Mason.

I could instance many other similar cases of the value of this masonic recognition.

Such then is the masonic society as it exists to-day, in its teachings and practical usefulness. Its teachings are every one of them good, and no man can conscientiously study the masonic lectures without becoming a better, a happier, and a truer man. They cannot be too often called to the attention of every Mason, from the oldest Master to the youngest entered apprentice. It is due to their high character that we should pay careful attention to and cultivate them, and it is our duty to do so.

The ability to make one's self recognized should also be maintained, for none of us can tell how soon we may be called upon to exercise this privilege, and if occasion requires it, that recognition should be a guarantee of good character.

To every intelligent and thinking Mason, and particularly to the rulers of the craft, must come the thought, what is to be the future of this great fraternity? As we stand upon the threshold of the twentieth century we find the present one passing into history with many grand propositions for the betterment of man's condition coming into prominence. Among the nations of the world the principle of arbitration for the settlement of national disputes is rapidly gaining ground.

The general distribution of knowledge of sanitary measures and their enforcement by the authorities is rapidly tending to preserve and improve the general health.

The condition of the poor and needy, the insane, the sick and infirm, and the criminal classes is being continually improved by public and private measures and resources.

In this general effort for the welfare of the people our ancient and honorable fraternity must lend a helping hand.

As in the early part of the eighteenth century, as I have said, there were two forces which resulted in the overthrow of the operative features of the masonic societies of that day, namely, the growth of operative ability among the profane and the increasing numbers of nonoperatives within the lodges, so to my mind there are two analogous forces at work now, which threaten and may destroy even the speculative features. They are, first, the great increase in the number of secret societies, which may be compared to the growth of nonaffiliated ability or cowans, and second, the increasing apathy among the members of the fraternity and the feeling that the upper bodies are the important thing, and that the first three degrees are

to be taken merely as a necessary requirement to advancement, which may be likened to the increase of the nonoperatives.

No period has been as prolific of secret societies and organizations as the present time. Despite the influence and effect of the times scarcely a year passes without the organization of new orders or the revival of some that have fallen into decay. These quickly brighten into popularity and enroll in their membership large numbers of active and enthusiastic adherents. Some of these have peculiar, unusual and extravagant names and as peculiar forms and ceremonies of initiation. They frequently have insurance features or sick, accident or death benefits. As a rule these organizations are commendable and worthy of encouragement. This society work, however, is now so extended that with the new organizations and the extension of old societies there is scarcely a man who does not belong to one or more of these various orders. But what is the effect of this upon us? Why, men will say, I now belong to this or that society and it furnishes me a cheap insurance; my evenings are occupied with attendance at its meetings; I cannot afford either the money or time for other like matters, and, although I would like to be a Mason, I must postpone joining to some other time, and seldom does the convenient time arrive.

The second matter mentioned, and which may be designated as the increase of the nonspeculatives, is perhaps a worse trouble. The first three degrees must be taken for their own intrinsic worth and should never be considered as merely a necessary requirement to obtain admission into the upper bodies. In this way only can their value be preserved for succeeding generations.

I do not wish to be understood as in any way casting the slightest reflection upon the higher bodies. I am a member of nearly all of them and have held office in some. Their teachings are worthy of the highest praise, but this does not detract from the fact that the Blue Lodge degrees are worthy of equal consideration.

Masonry has nothing to fear from opposition or oppression, social or political. These antagonisms have been met and overcome many times already, and can be as readily overcome again. Masonry has nothing to fear from ridicule or sarcasm. Its great danger which we should ever guard against is that which arises from the indifference of its members to its principles, precepts and teachings, and perhaps I may add the hesitancy of the lodges to discipline members for any breach of moral or masonic law.

Guard against these, and although no one can foresee what shocks and whirlwinds Freemasonry may yet encounter in its onward march, what dark days and troublesome nights it may pass through, what misfortunes, persecutions and hostilities it may meet, yet we confidently predict that it will endure through it all and that under the protecting care of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, it will come forth strengthened, ennobled and victorious to become a blessing and benediction to all future ages.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.						
1st. Johns.	Stillwater.	Washington.	June 9, '52	L. L. Manwaring.	R. F. Jones.	W. C. Masterman.	J. C. Rhodes, Jr.	1 and 3 Mon.
2 Cataract.	Minneapolis.	Hennepin.	Oct. 5, '53	R. H. Hartley.	E. H. Timberlake.	John P. Bend.	S. Armstrong.	1 Sat.
3 St. Paul.	Ramsey.	Hennepin.	Jan. 10, '56	J. F. Earley.	L. Churchill.	John W. Green.	Edward McStay.	1 and 3 Fri.
4 Hennepin.	Minneapolis.	Hennepin.	" 2, '54	Ralph J. Webb.	A. K. Norton.	E. Peterson.	Henry S. Mead.	2 and 4 Wed.
5 Ancient Landm'k.	St. Paul.	Ramsey.	" 3, '54	E. L. Spencer.	J. B. Grant.	P. C. Williams.	C. J. Kruger.	2 and 4 Ths.
6 Dakota.	Hastings.	Dakota.	" 3, '56	G. A. Emerson.	A. B. Johnson.	I. E. Olson.	G. H. Panse.	2 and 4 Wed.
8 Red Wing.	Faribault.	Red Wing.	Oct. 23, '55	H. L. Luther.	J. R. Smith.	I. H. Friedrich.	G. H. Diepenbrock.	1 Mon.
9 Faribault.	Faribault.	Rice.	" 6, '57	J. E. Whitney.	F. V. Joslyn.	F. A. Berge.	W. B. Hawley.	2 and 4 Mon.
11 Mantorville.	Mantorville.	Dodge.	Jan. 6, '57	J. A. Flittie.	F. V. Day.	F. E. Burdick.	W. W. Campbell.	2 and 4 Tues.
12 Mankato.	Mankato.	Blue Earth.	" 6, '57	J. A. Vandayke.	L. Whitmore.	John R. Vanlan.	Harry Paddock.	2 and 4 Sat.
14 Wabasha.	Wabasha.	Wright.	" 8, '57	M. J. Kingsbury.	T. H. Bertram.	A. O. Baydant.	A. J. Stone.	1 and 3 Mon.
16 Monticello.	Monticello.	Houston.	" 8, '57	A. J. Snure.	J. D. Becker.	George Cuth.	H. M. Piper.	1 and 3 Sat.
17 Hokah.	Hokah.	Winona.	" 8, '57	G. P. Tawney.	O. M. Botsford.	W. A. Condit.	W. S. McE.	1 and 3 Tues.
18 Winona.	Winona.	Hennepin.	" 7, '58	C. E. Overshire.	T. D. Bell.	L. A. Condit.	I. F. Fuller.	1 and 3 Wed.
19 Minneapolis.	Minneapolis.	Houston.	" 7, '58	Moses Emery.	E. Krick.	Herbert Franklin.	H. M. Myers.	1 and 3 Wed.
20 Caledonia.	Caledonia.	Olmsted.	" 8, '58	John M. Rowley.	C. F. Callaghan.	G. B. Dely.	N. E. Dorval.	2 and 4 Mon.
21 Rochester.	Rochester.	Olmsted.	" 8, '58	A. T. Reese.	G. Fordham.	J. L. Harwood.	T. H. Bliss.	2 and 4 Wed.
22 Pleasant Grove.	Pleasant Grove.	Starns.	" 8, '58	J. F. Stephens.	M. K. Nelson.	J. L. Harwood.	W. F. Reeseler.	1 and 3 Tues.
23 North Star.	St. Cloud.	Waseca.	" 8, '58	John Elmore.	G. W. Geesey.	Jesse A. Chase.	John C. Munro.	2 and 4 Mon.
24 Wilton.	Alma City.	Presborn.	Oct. 21, '58	C. M. Wilkinson.	E. L. Thurston.	D. J. Rickford.	Bert Lassell.	1 and 3 Tues.
26 Western Star.	Albert Lea.	Faribault.	" 27, '58	W. W. Quiggle.	E. E. Crandall.	T. W. Wilson.	O. J. Wulff.	1 and 3 Wed.
27 Blue Earth Valley.	Wilmabego City.	Wright.	" 27, '58	C. D. Whittemore.	J. M. Keene.	G. W. Strat.	W. A. Shaw.	1 and 3 Tues.
28 Clear Water.	Clear Water.	Houston.	" 26, '59	J. W. Welch.	C. D. Keene.	F. W. Hyatt.	W. M. Selvy.	1 and 3 Sat.
29 Morning Star.	La Crescent.	Anoka.	" 26, '59	G. D. Bartlett.	E. L. Thurston.	D. A. Webster.	Simon C. Page.	2 and 4 Fri.
30 Anoka.	Jordan.	Scott.	" 24, '60	L. U. Boyle.	E. W. Pickel.	Everett Hammons.	H. A. Engler.	2 and 4 Sat.
31 King Hiram.	Waterville.	Le Sueur.	" 24, '60	G. W. McConkey.	S. J. Johnson.	John A. Reynolds.	W. J. Berper.	2 and 4 Wed.
32 Sakatah.	Owatonna.	Steele.	" 24, '60	Hans Anderson.	C. J. Balch.	J. F. Rogers.	D. J. Ames.	1 and 3 Wed.
33 Star in the East.	Cannon Falls.	Goodhue.	" 24, '60	Charles S. Smith.	N. N. Mounson.	William E. Poe.	John A. Wilson.	1 and 3 Mon.
34 Oriental.	Hastings.	Pakota.	" 24, '60	A. M. Adst.	A. A. Scott.	J. M. Morgan.	S. E. Rude.	2 and 4 Wed.
35 Mt. Moriah.	Preslon.	Fillmore.	" 23, '61	Harry M. Wells.	N. G. Hazen.	K. W. Buel.	Julius Johnson.	2 and 4 Wed.
36 Preston.	Pine Island.	Goodhue.	" 23, '61	C. L. Farham.	Wesley Prentice.	W. D. Hayward.	C. A. Smith.	2 and 4 Sat.
37 Mystic Tie.	West Concord.	Dodge.	" 23, '61	D. C. Gardner.	E. H. Callin.	H. G. Norton.	J. H. Miller.	2 and 4 Wed.
38 Washington.	Austin.	Mower.	" 28, '63	Fred B. Wood.	Wm. H. Adams.	J. H. Anderson.	C. Y. Willour.	2 and 4 Sat.
39 Fidelity.	Wabasha.	Wabasha.	" 28, '63	E. E. Chase.	W. A. Hubbard.	T. A. Carr.	E. J. Manning.	2 and 4 Tues.
40 Carmelian.	Lake City.	Goodhue.	" 28, '63	E. Woodbury.	E. S. Person.	C. L. Grover.	D. E. Scotland.	1 and 3 Tues.
41 Hermon.	Zumbrota.	Goodhue.	" 28, '63	E. Woodbury.	E. S. Person.	C. L. Grover.	D. E. Scotland.	1 and 3 Tues.

42 Hope	Glencoe	McLeod	Oct 28	'63 Nelson Hassan	J. J. Johnson	A. S. Snyder	J. Cummings	1 and 3 Sat.
43 Harmony	Lewiston	Winona	28	'63 L. Baldwin	J. F. Madden	J. E. Peters	O. W. Hunt	1 and 4 Mon.
44 King Solomon	Shakopee	Scott	28	'63 Chas. G. Hinds	John E. Isenhour	J. R. Buchanan	C. C. Storer	2 and 8 Sat.
45 Le Sueur	Le Sueur	Le Sueur	28	'64 E. F. Barrett	O. E. Cadwell	H. F. Wells	G. H. Stewart	1 and 8 Tues.
46 Evergreen	Clyde	Winona	28	'64 H. F. Clawson	Alvin Farnsworth	Robert J. Bain	W. B. Stedman	1 and 8 Sat.
47 Cleveland	Cleveland	Le Sueur	28	'64 C. O. Davis	W. O. Shuey	M. A. Hill	J. W. Chambers	1 and 8 Sat.
48 Social	Northfield	Rice	28	'64 H. O. Dille	J. W. Hunter	L. O. Olson	J. W. C. Barnard	1 and 8 Mon.
49 Rising Sun	St. Charles	Winona	28	'64 H. O. Foss	C. E. Smith	R. C. Dixon	C. A. Halgren	1 and 8 Ths.
50 Watertown	Watertown	Carver	28	'65 E. E. Shader	M. L. Malsed	Guy E. Halgren	R. C. Halgren	*
51 Acadia	Cottage Grove	Washington	25	'65 L. T. Morey	J. A. McHattie, Jr.	Peter Thompson	W. W. Furber	†
52 Nicolet	Morrisston	Rice	25	'65 J. C. Temple	Wm. L. Eddy	W. F. Durston	H. D. Widrick	†
53 Nicolet	St. Peter	Nicolet	25	'65 Gid S. Iverson	George F. Merritt	E. S. Leskie	E. S. Pettjohn	1 and 3 Tues.
54 Zonia	St. Peter	Chicago	25	'65 Ed. H. Folsom	A. J. Anderson	S. B. Miner	G. W. Seymour	1 and 4 Wed.
55 Meridian	St. Peter	Chicago	25	'65 Ed. H. Folsom	A. J. Anderson	S. B. Miner	G. W. Seymour	1 and 3 Sat.
56 Blue Earth	Chaska	Fillmore	23	'67 W. H. Sprunt	J. H. Kingsley	R. R. More, Jr.	W. H. Slisbee	1 and 3 Sat.
57 Blue Earth	Chaska	Fillmore	23	'67 J. H. Sprunt	M. B. Parker	A. R. Paul	H. H. Markusen	1 and 3 Tues.
58 Spring Valley	Spring Valley	Fillmore	23	'67 F. J. Harris	W. D. Hart	E. G. Paul	E. J. Stearns	1 and 3 Tues.
59 Spring Valley	Spring Valley	Fillmore	23	'67 F. J. Harris	W. D. Hart	E. G. Paul	E. J. Stearns	2 and 4 Tues.
60 Sun in the West	Sunk Center	Stearns	23	'67 H. S. Doty	J. F. Diamond	W. L. Henshaw	P. Lamb	1 and 8 Mon.
61 Ashler	Brota	Fillmore	23	'67 George L. Wood	C. W. Matteson	E. Berlingame	W. R. Delemater	†
62 Star	Rockford	Wright	23	'67 D. R. Thompson	George Irving	G. O. Grandall	Loyal D. Colby	1 and 3 Tues.
63 Bluffs	Plainview	Wabasha	23	'67 Frank A. Wells	E. S. Muir	H. D. Smith	J. G. Mitchell	1 and 3 Tues.
64 Chain Lake	Falmont	Martin	23	'67 V. Wohlhueter	H. P. Edwards	Henry Rippe	A. Dickinson	2 and 4 Tues.
65 Golden Rule	Lakeland	Washington	23	'67 Frank Jackson	C. V. Holmstrom	P. N. Haycraft	W. R. Estes	1 and 8 Wed.
66 Medalla	Farmington	Watsonwan	23	'67 J. E. Haycraft	F. C. Gleason	P. H. Greble	H. H. Judson	1 and 8 Tues.
67 Corinthian	Rushford	Dakota	23	'67 C. O. Westcott	W. M. Dodge	W. A. Bacon	E. A. Sykes	1 and 8 Sat.
68 Mystic Star	Paynesville	Stearns	15	'69 G. F. Ferre	F. Harper	E. M. Ostvander	A. E. Bueble	2 and 4 Sat.
69 Lansing	Lansing	Mower	15	'69 A. E. Beadell	Harcor Lyons	J. J. Phillips	O. C. Le Bar	2 and 4 Sat.
70 Brownsville	Brownsville	Houston	15	'69 C. E. McCan	C. David See	Wm. F. McCan	E. M. Winslow	2 and 4 Mon.
71 Eureka	Le Roy	Mower	15	'69 H. F. Lehman	W. M. Walker	N. R. Miller	J. M. Wyckoff	1 and 8 Tues.
72 Tiscan	Waseca	Houston	15	'69 H. F. Lehman	W. M. Walker	John Anderson	F. H. Griffin	1 and 8 Sat.
73 Mystic Circle	Houston	St. Louis	15	'69 Peter Hanson	J. F. Murphy	Harvey Harris	Walter Child	2 and 4 Tues.
74 Henderson	Henderson	Sibley	12	'70 H. A. Seignouret	E. J. Duffies	Lynell Ayres	John Q. Briggs	2 and 4 Fri.
75 Constellation	Alexandria	Douglas	12	'70 H. A. Seignouret	A. J. Duffies	A. L. Poehler	J. A. Crawford	1 and 3 Mon.
76 Howard	Kasson	Dodge	12	'70 H. A. Seignouret	A. J. Duffies	A. L. Poehler	J. A. Crawford	1 and 3 Sat.
77 Huron Abi	Money Creek	Houston	11	'71 V. C. Dickey	A. R. Campbell	A. A. Norverud	W. T. Cowling	2 and 4 Wed.
78 High Forest	High Forest	Olmsted	11	'71 E. L. Ford	J. F. Larson	C. C. Wright	C. T. Goodrich	1 and 3 Wed.
79 Wells	Wells	Parbault	11	'71 J. M. Nye	A. E. Ritchie	C. C. Wright	C. T. Goodrich	1 and 3 Wed.
80 Doric	Litchfield	Meeker	11	'71 J. M. Nye	A. E. Ritchie	C. C. Wright	C. T. Goodrich	1 and 3 Wed.
81 Golden Piece	Jackson	Redwood	10	'72 James Robinson	G. F. Brown	M. E. Fellows	F. R. Englehart	1 and 8 Tues.
82 Good Faith	Antiquity	Princeton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	G. B. Strobeck	J. F. Rucker	O. G. Nichols	1 and 8 Tues.
83 Fraternal	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.
84 Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.
85 Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.
86 Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.
87 Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.
88 Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.
89 Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.
90 Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.
91 Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.
92 Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.
93 Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	10	'72 Wm. C. Caswell	R. A. Schmal	Nils M. Holm	John A. Klavisch	1 and 8 Fri.

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NUMBER.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.						
94 Keystone.....	Sleepy Eye.....	Brown.....	Jan. 10, '72	J. R. L. Hansen.....	J. Montgomery.....	C. F. W. Melenthin.....	T. F. Talbot.....	1 and 3 Tues.
95 Sherburne.....	Elk River.....	Shelburne.....	" 10, '72	Andrew Davis.....	W. G. Merrifield.....	W. P. Rhodes.....	E. E. Bryant.....	1 and 3 Tues.
96 Libanus.....	St. James.....	Watson.....	" 15, '72	George Knudson.....	G. Morris.....	H. D. Stoner.....	E. A. Sturm.....	2 and 4 Tues.
97 Prudence.....	Windom.....	Cottonwood.....	" 15, '73	Frank Steadman.....	G. B. Hensler.....	J. S. Kibbey.....	E. A. Sims.....	1 and 3 Wed.
98 Charity.....	New Ulm.....	Brown.....	" 15, '73	Ernst Brandt.....	G. B. Hensler.....	John C. Geiger.....	G. Schmidt.....	2 and 4 Tues.
99 Corner Store.....	Fergus Falls.....	Otter Tail.....	" 15, '73	J. A. McConkey.....	F. B. Kirk.....	C. A. Ballard.....	B. F. Brown.....	1 and 3 Tues.
100 Aurora.....	Brainerd.....	Wadena.....	" 15, '73	J. F. Barnes.....	A. B. Johnson.....	C. W. Holmes.....	W. E. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Tues.
101 Fraternity.....	Worthington.....	Nobles.....	" 15, '73	E. F. Thunberg.....	Chas. H. Datoock.....	J. C. Durfee.....	R. B. Plotts.....	1 and 3 Mon.
102 Lebanon.....	Fillmore.....	Blue Earth.....	" 15, '73	W. S. Henry.....	B. O. Kyseth.....	W. H. Travis.....	M. G. Fellows.....	1 and 3 Mon.
103 Bethel.....	Willmar.....	Lake Crystal.....	" 15, '73	J. W. Williams.....	H. J. Ramsett.....	L. P. Larson.....	W. R. Cullen.....	1 and 3 Sat.
104 Sharon.....	Willmar.....	Kandiyohi.....	" 15, '73	Olof Olson.....	C. D. Hamilton.....	Paul J. Slider.....	Axel H. Rolse.....	2 and 4 Fri.
106 Mt. Tabor.....	Detroit.....	Becker.....	" 14, '74	G. C. Bush.....	G. D. Hamilton.....	T. A. Nottage.....	C. Wackman.....	2 and 4 Tues.
108 Relief.....	Dodge Center.....	Chippewa.....	" 14, '74	F. A. B. Tredway.....	R. A. Brown.....	F. C. Ballard.....	John W. Rhodes.....	1 and 3 Sat.
109 Sunset.....	Montevideo.....	Wadena.....	" 13, '75	Geo. Sainsbury.....	W. H. Caspari.....	C. A. Fennes.....	P. L. Norman.....	2 and 4 Sat.
110 Pickwick.....	Pickwick.....	Carver.....	" 13, '75	G. C. E. Goetze.....	W. H. Caspari.....	Herbert Steadman.....	P. B. Rand.....	2 and 4 Sat.
111 Carver.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 13, '75	D. W. Knowlton.....	J. H. Abbott.....	R. A. Mabey.....	O. C. Brundus.....	1 and 3 Sat.
112 Krum.....	Excelsior.....	Hennepin.....	" 13, '75	G. P. Dickinson.....	J. L. Dickinson.....	I. C. Smith.....	H. B. Marchbank.....	1 and 4 Fri.
113 Excelsior.....	Luxerne.....	Rock.....	" 13, '75	John P. Hong.....	J. A. Kemilcott.....	L. L. Bryan.....	W. B. Mason.....	2 and 4 Sat.
114 Ben. Franklin.....	Elgin.....	Wabasha.....	" 13, '75	J. W. Bryant.....	Harry Stephens.....	Peter Morgan.....	O. E. Ferguson.....	1 and 3 Fri.
115 Elgin.....	Brownsdale.....	Mower.....	" 12, '76	G. W. Foster.....	T. F. Bacon.....	A. E. Foster.....	W. P. Holton.....	2 and 4 Sat.
116 Lafayette.....	Granite Falls.....	Yellow Med.....	" 12, '76	M. C. Sullivan.....	Wm. P. Baker.....	L. H. Schellback.....	J. N. Thatcher.....	1 and 3 Sat.
117 Granite.....	Newport.....	Washington.....	" 12, '76	J. W. Trickey.....	H. J. Rolly.....	H. A. Jones.....	Wm. J. Rice.....	1 and 3 Tues.
118 Newport.....	Marshall.....	Lyon.....	" 12, '76	D. M. King.....	F. C. Whitney.....	E. S. Frick.....	H. A. Durand.....	2 and 4 Wed.
119 Delta.....	Grand Meadow.....	Mower.....	" 12, '76	Wm. A. Nolan.....	G. A. Corell.....	C. W. Martin.....	S. N. Harrington.....	2 and 4 Fri.
121 Grand Meadow.....	Kellogg.....	Wabasha.....	" 12, '76	John M. Wolfe.....	G. Gertzgrow.....	E. L. Wentworth.....	M. O. Wislie.....	2 and 4 Fri.
122 Kellogg.....	Bloom's Prairie.....	Steele.....	" 12, '76	Thomas S. Morton.....	R. H. Johnson.....	J. Jurgenson.....	C. E. Wilcox.....	2 and 4 Tues.
123 Prairie.....	Janesville.....	Vasce.....	" 12, '76	D. J. Dodge.....	E. S. Lieberg.....	M. A. Devereaux.....	C. W. Treat.....	2 and 4 Wed.
124 Janesville.....	Osseo.....	Hennepin.....	" 10, '77	G. W. Savage.....	Fred Bielemann.....	L. Schwappach.....	L. D. Rogers.....	2 and 4 Wed.
125 Winslow Lewis.....	Moorhead.....	Clay.....	" 10, '77	H. Peterson.....	J. P. Wolfe.....	O. Thorstenson.....	Wm. Krueger.....	2 and 4 Ths.
126 Moorhead.....	Mapleton.....	Blue Earth.....	" 10, '77	J. P. Emerson.....	J. S. Taylor.....	Robert Little.....	Red Krueger.....	1 and 3 Tues.
128 Josephus.....	Benson.....	Swift.....	" 10, '77	W. R. Smith.....	E. R. Aldrich.....	C. H. Colby.....	R. Sutherland.....	2 and 4 Wed.
129 Swift.....	Lytle.....	Mower.....	" 10, '78	H. N. Peterson.....	Olof Dahl.....	J. L. Hugson.....	G. O. Thompson.....	2 and 4 Tues.
131 Alma.....	Yng America.....	Carver.....	" 16, '78	H. S. Vogel.....	G. W. Oocobok.....	H. C. Ackermann.....	H. H. Aspend.....	2 and 1 Sat.
132 Humboldt.....	Morris.....	Stevens.....	" 16, '78	C. H. Leamen.....	W. P. Fowler.....	J. W. G. Curtiss.....	J. W. Truwe.....	1 and 3 Sat.
133 Golden Sheaf.....	Cokato.....	Wright.....	" 15, '79	J. A. Eklund.....	Albert Stanberg.....	A. O. Norton.....	Frank Griffith.....	2 and 4 Sat.
134 Cokato.....	Buffalo.....	Wright.....	" 15, '79	H. B. Griffing.....	W. W. Thomson.....	E. E. Williams.....	S. E. Wells.....	2 and 4 Mon.
135 Nelson.....	Buffalo.....	Wright.....	" 15, '79	H. B. Griffing.....	W. W. Thomson.....	E. E. Williams.....	S. E. Wells.....	2 and 4 Mon.

136	Walnut.	Redwood.	Jan. 15.	79	F. F. Goff.	A. Evans.	W. J. Swifter.	M. S. Huntloom.	1 and 3 Sat.
137	Appleton.	Swift.	14.	80	C. H. Stanton.	Barney Miller.	B. W. Johnson.	H. C. Maxwell.	2 and 4 Sat.
138	Orion.	Kandiyohi.	14.	80	J. H. Strong.	N. T. Walen.	John Tait, Jr.	L. E. Covell.	2 and 4 Sat.
139	Vendale.	Wadena.	14.	80	W. N. Morell.	H. M. Henderson.	C. Dittmore.	E. M. Proctor.	1 and 3 Tues.
140	Little Falls.	Morrison.	14.	80	O. C. Trace.	L. D. Brown.	H. A. Rider.	Ernest Levis.	1 and 3 Wed.
141	Crookston.	Park.	14.	80	Tom Morris.	L. H. Judson.	E. M. Bivins.	F. E. Robertson.	2 and 4 Mon.
142	Currie.	Murray.	12.	81	Wm. H. Crowl.	L. G. Gates.	W. H. Mellen.	Nell Currie.	1 and 3 Sat.
143	Leake View.	Big Stone.	12.	81	Hayden French.	H. L. Zweifel.	B. C. Trevelle.	O. H. Moon.	1 and 3 Fri.
144	Bird Island.	Renville.	12.	81	J. H. Feeder.	A. J. Childs.	B. H. Krogstad.	John S. Pool.	1 and 3 Sat.
145	Melrose.	Stearns.	12.	81	Chas. M. Whitman.	E. E. Campbell.	E. M. Boyles.	Henry Potter.	2 and 4 Tues.
146	Benton.	Lincoln.	12.	81	Wm. B. Blyden.	J. V. W. Wood.	S. B. Gates.	J. M. Hill.	2 and 4 Fri.
147	Canby.	Yellow Med.	12.	82	L. M. Lerwick.	E. F. Wood.	Max Menzel.	Hugh Dimock.	1 and 3 Sat.
148	Quarry.	Pinestone.	11.	82	George W. Nash.	John W. Cook.	Ed. Hawley.	Alfred Jury.	1 and 3 Mon.
149	Guardian.	McLeod.	11.	82	D. W. Belles.	E. J. Ray.	G. A. Aubol.	F. W. Flunders.	1 and 3 Wed.
150	Warren.	Marshall.	11.	82	W. N. Powell.	H. L. Wood.	E. A. Taylor.	E. H. Oerter.	2 and 4 Wed.
151	Chaska.	Carver.	11.	82	W. C. Odell.	C. P. Fenstermaker.	Z. Sheppard.	E. H. Elk-worth.	1 and 3 Tues.
152	Frontier.	Wilkin.	10.	83	M. James.	H. W. Dezeltelle.	A. B. Gillette.	Fred V. Dala.	1 and 3 Tues.
153	Kodakya.	Traverse.	10.	83	Theo. Hargum.	P. J. Butler.	M. M. Nygaard.	Nels Johnson, Jr.	2 and 4 Tues.
154	Norman.	Adm.	10.	83	Peter Sharpe.	Fred P. Starr.	M. Workman.	H. M. Workman.	1 and 3 Wed.
155	Tracy.	Wadena.	10.	83	F. S. Brown.	C. W. Miller.	W. H. Ryan.	A. R. Wiswell.	1 and 3 Fri.
156	Perham.	Wadena.	10.	83	Frank B. Coon.	U. S. G. Henry.	John R. Heins.	L. E. Davison.	2 and 4 Sat.
157	Hector.	Ordor Tall.	16.	84	Sorren Rasmusson.	F. R. Reichert.	Geo. F. Bartlett.	H. W. Mayne.	2 and 4 Sat.
158	Hector.	Renville.	14.	85	H. A. Reed.	F. R. Reichert.	W. R. Butler.	Geo. Williams.	2 and 4 Fri.
159	Long Prairie.	Todd.	14.	85	E. Van Valkenberg.	G. M. Bleeker.	P. M. Hall.	George W. Hall.	2 and 4 Mon.
160	Plymouth.	Hennepin.	14.	85	Otto Lohf.	J. W. Moesman.	J. N. Thomas.	D. W. Shear.	1 and 3 Mon.
161	Sincerity.	Pope.	14.	85	W. R. Holly.	W. H. Townsend.	Knute C. Ness.	E. W. Snyder.	1 and 3 Tues.
162	Prescott.	Grant.	14.	85	R. P. Wells.	A. A. Doolittle.	A. N. Gray.	Robert B. Ware.	2 and 4 Fri.
163	Summit.	Ramsey.	13.	86	John D. Hoar.	J. S. McDonald.	G. H. Markham.	H. R. Berg.	2 and 4 Fri.
164	Jasper.	Chisago.	13.	86	E. R. V. Williams.	Dean W. Leaman.	Geo. E. Cessford.	Henry S. Goff.	1 and 3 Sat.
165	Minnehaha.	Hennepin.	13.	86	T. C. Fulton.	J. Drummond.	C. H. Beyer.	J. E. Extrad.	2 and 4 Tues.
166	Garnet.	Ramsey.	13.	86	Wm. D. Cross.	Chas. W. Hill.	M. Mullen.	C. Edgar McCoy.	1 and 3 Wed.
167	Agate.	Wilkin.	13.	86	Alfred W. Jones.	Charles Potter.	Chas. H. Cooper.	L. J. Hart.	1 and 3 Thurs.
168	Braden.	Clay.	12.	87	Thomas Guinness.	A. A. Snider.	W. A. Daratt.	Jesse A. Maxwell.	1 and 3 Tues.
169	Pierson.	Murray.	12.	87	G. D. Taylor.	C. S. Schurman.	S. Holman.	E. L. Fales.	1 and 3 Mon.
170	Fulda.	Ramsey.	12.	87	Thos. Yould.	A. F. Smith.	W. L. Heywood.	C. J. Orton.	2 and 4 Thurs.
171	Shektnah.	St. Paul.	12.	88	H. M. Griffin.	Walter Dixon.	D. E. Stanley.	D. E. Stanley.	2 and 4 Sat.
172	Marletta.	Lac qui Parle.	12.	88	James Crozier.	W. J. Wilson.	W. J. Rowland.	W. F. Daugherty.	1 and 3 Sat.
173	Pump Line.	St. Paul.	12.	88	Leon A. Cox.	G. E. Eyland, Jr.	J. T. McKnight.	A. M. Feathers.	1 and 3 Wed.
174	Valley.	Pope.	12.	88	Wm. A. Cox.	C. C. Beckler.	C. H. Spencer.	H. A. Hamlin.	1 and 3 Mon.
175	Roman Eagle.	Hennepin.	12.	88	E. E. Chard.	Phlander Bills.	R. F. McConnell.	F. J. Whitlock.	2 and 4 Wed.
176	Aro.	Scott.	12.	88	G. E. Chard.	Fred L. Esby.	R. F. Flint.	E. A. Boutwell.	2 and 4 Sat.
177	Rough Ashler.	Morrison.	12.	89	G. A. Hollenbeck.	P. Arning.	M. H. Getz.	L. G. Dustin.	2 and 4 Sat.
178	Anchor.	Farbaul.	17.	89	H. E. Stewart.	Ole J. Lee.	S. M. Donaldson.	Knute Swore.	2 and 4 Sat.
179	King David.	Douglas.	17.	89	G. R. Rabbitt.	Wm. S. Ives.	H. C. Hornby.	K. D. Muegan.	2 and 4 Sat.
180	Oskais.	St. Louis.	17.	89	Leroy A. Fish.	Wm. S. Ives.	Leroy Ritchie.	W. D. McDonald.	1 and 3 Tues.
181	Dalles.	Wright.	16.	90	H. K. Kelley.				1 and 3 Sat.
182	Fair Haven.								
183	Annandale.								

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NUMBER.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
	LODGE.	COUNTY.						
184	Shell.	Hubbard.	Jan. 16, '90	Clas. F. Moody.	John Y. Smith.	Sylvanus Joslin.	Oliver S. Keay.	1 and 3 Tues.
185	Midway.	Ramsey.	" 16, '90	Milton L. Bevaus.	John W. North.	Walter S. Reed.	E. L. Allard.	2 and 4 Fri.
186	Ionio.	St. Louis.	" 16, '90	W. C. White.	H. C. Hanford.	Robert Lamon.	R. O. Sweeny, Sr.	2 and 4 Mon.
187	Arcana.	Minneapolis.	" 16, '90	A. J. Morrill.	F. H. Ring.	W. J. Garland.	E. T. Schneider.	2 and 4 Mon.
188	Fortitude.	Two Harbors.	" 16, '90	R. C. Green.	Wm. A. Doerr.	J. M. McDonald.	W. B. Woodward.	2 and 4 Wed.
189	Traverse.	Lake.	" 15, '91	R. C. Earsley.	G. E. Jackson.	J. H. Helleson.	G. K. Kristensen.	2 and 4 Tues.
190	Truene.	Ramsey.	" 15, '91	B. J. Sturtevant.	E. A. Paradis.	B. A. Phillips.	John Fisher.	2 and 3 Tues.
191	Mixpah.	South St. Paul.	" 15, '91	E. C. Shibley.	Arthur D. Moe.	F. J. Babcock.	J. N. Irving.	1 and 3 Tues.
192	Crow River.	Belgrade.	" 15, '91	C. J. Hanstrom.	John A. Berg.	W. B. Cartledge.	M. Halversen.	1 and 3 Tues.
193	Amboy.	Dakota.	" 15, '91	G. H. Wareham.	W. E. Schmidt.	Howard C. Hazel.	C. W. Dillman.	1 and 3 Sat.
194	Canton.	Blue Earth.	" 15, '91	J. W. Funk.	M. C. Wilford.	D. A. Mosher.	W. H. Reed.	2 and 4 Tues.
195	Geneva.	Fillmore.	" 15, '91	G. S. Humphrey.	Wm. L. Pennell.	James T. Horr.	S. M. McIntosh.	1 and 3 Tues.
196	Renville.	Renville.	" 15, '91	S. R. Pryor.	Chas. O. Hill.	M. A. Stensrud.	E. J. Sundby.	1 and 3 Tues.
197	Vermillion.	Lac qui Parle.	" 15, '91	G. H. Vivian.	Geo. Kitto.	W. G. Williams.	G. H. Whitman.	1 and 3 Tues.
198	Euclid.	St. Louis.	" 15, '91	L. A. Barnes.	A. F. Huntton.	Joseph Cochran.	A. Dunleavy.	1 and 3 Wed.
199	Murray.	Murray.	" 15, '91	R. J. Henderson.	W. J. McAllister.	C. A. Norton.	J. H. Lerg.	1 and 3 Tues.
200	Kenyon.	Springfield.	" 14, '92	F. J. Dotson.	Otis A. Fox.	George Wilson.	G. T. Olsen.	1 and 3 Sat.
201	Kenyon.	Kenyon.	" 14, '92	John Holme.	J. A. Gates.	Wm. Olsted.	A. A. McLaughlin.	1 and 3 Sat.
202	Venus.	Dawson.	" 14, '92	W. H. Coons.	C. W. Paige.	C. H. Sullivan.	A. W. Ewing.	2 and 4 Tues.
203	Stewartville.	O'msted.	" 14, '92	E. G. Lenton.	John W. Peck.	W. S. Davis.	A. C. Tichenor.	2 and 4 Wed.
204	St. Elmo.	Jasper.	" 12, '93	Andrew Rae.	W. E. Austin.	James McIlwain.	Selah S. King.	2 and 4 Tues.
205	Wayzata.	Hennepine.	" 12, '93	Wm. Bushnell.	H. L. Boornhower.	R. O. Bean.	G. H. Flanders.	1 and 3 Tues.
206	Fosson.	Polk.	" 12, '93	B. S. Bennett.	J. Fogelberg.	P. W. Hitchcock.	A. W. Foss.	2 and 4 Sat.
207	Crescent.	Staples.	" 12, '93	E. E. Daniels.	A. L. Ritter.	R. O. Bean.	J. S. Marlin, Jr.	2 and 4 Tues.
208	Itasca.	Itasca.	" 12, '93	E. A. Kremer.	A. A. Kremer.	D. M. Gunn.	J. S. Berney.	1 and 3 Fri.
209	Sibley.	Sibley.	" 11, '94	C. A. Benson.	H. A. Sauer.	C. C. Buckeye.	C. H. Hillemann.	1 and 3 Fri.
210	Columbian.	Jackson.	" 11, '94	J. F. Humiston.	J. H. Badley.	K. C. Shannon.	James Findlay.	2 and 4 Wed.
211	Friendship.	Graceville.	" 11, '94	J. Brynildson.	J. A. Dudley.	A. H. Anderson.	Emil A. Nelson.	1 and 4 Tues.
212	Hallock.	Big Stone.	" 11, '94	N. P. Lundgren.	Ellis Ellis.	Daniel Kane.	A. L. Hamilton.	1 and 3 Fri.
213	Mallico.	Altkin.	" 17, '95	G. T. Williams.	G. W. Knox.	Thorsvald Morek.	Oscar A. Felt.	1 and 3 Tues.
214	Evansville.	Douglas.	" 17, '95	John W. McKay.	E. H. Webb.	Thorvald Morek.	E. S. Buckingham.	1 and 3 Tues.
215	Argyle.	Marshall.	" 16, '96	Wm. F. Martin.	James Foreman.	Milo E. Beard.	W. T. Bush.	1 and 3 Wed.
216	Florence.	Yellow Med.	" 16, '96	E. W. McCord.	H. A. McCaffrey.	Norman L. Dann.	Charles Mitchell.	1 and 3 Tues.
217	Capital City.	Ramsey.	" 16, '96	E. E. McGrew.	H. F. Ames.	L. L. Sisson.	I. Vervalen.	1 and 3 Mon.
218	Griswold.	Meeker.	" 16, '96	E. E. McGrew.	H. F. Ames.	L. L. Sisson.	I. Vervalen.	1 and 3 Mon.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

NUMBER.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
219	Mt. Hermon.....	Hancock.....	Stevens.....	Jan. 14, '97	F. Wilcox.....	J. R. Holton.....	J. D. Walters.....	A. J. Erickson.....	1 and 3 Mon.
220	Olivia.....	Olivia.....	Renville.....	" 14, '97	J. M. Peckinpaugh	J. B. Ferguson.....	J. E. Davenport...	W. P. Christensen	2 and 4 Sat.
221	Equity.....	Cottonwood.....	Lyon.....	" 14, '97	S. H. Adams.....	Thomas McKinley	J. H. Catlin.....	John Michie.....	2 and 4 Sat.
222	Elysian.....	Elysian.....	Le Sueur.....	" 13, '98	J. W. Root.....	H. L. Coffin.....	C. F. Johnson.....	R. H. Wilcox.....	1 and 3 Wed.
223	Mora.....	Mora.....	Kannabee.....	" 13, '98	J. C. Pope.....	Geo. H. Newbert..	J. B. Gorham.....	.....	2 and 4 Sat.
UD	Park Region.....	Elbow Lake...	Grant.....	.....	D. Boyd.....	Fred H. Prodder..	Harold Thorson...	John T. Lindem...	2 and 4 Sat.

*Saturday preceding full moon,
†Saturday on or before full moon.
‡Wednesday in week moon fulls.
§Saturday on or before full moon and two weeks thereafter.
||Monday of week moon fulls.
¶Tuesday on or before full moon.

APPENDIX C—ABSTRACTS OF LODGE RETURNS.

Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	Members Jan. 1, 1897.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Restored.	Joined.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended or Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1898.	FEES AND DUES.		Dues Owning to Lodge.	Other Lodge Assets.	Liabilities.
															For 1897.	Paid Grand Secretary.			
1	St. Johns.....	180	2	2	2		3	5	1	14		5	9	179	\$75.60	\$75.60	\$776.56	\$618.00	\$600.00
2	Catact.....	389	19	17	16	1	3	21	8	7	1	7	30	350	183.80	183.80	1,200.00	40,000.00	1,350.00
3	St. Paul.....	301	5	6	6		2	8	8	20		8	10	299	133.40	133.40	1,200.00	4,134.58	
4	Hennepin.....	486	14	11	10		10	12	12	15		9	23	458	213.40	213.40	1,550.00	1,550.00	
5	Ancient Landmark.....	514	15	15	15		10	25	6	15		2	28	511	239.40	239.40	1,862.20	14,456.00	
6	Dakota.....	103	3	3	3			5	1	2		2	5	103	48.40	48.40	1,235.00		
7	Red Wing.....	1135	6	6	6			6	3	7		2	6	129	66.40	66.40	159.00	14,265.00	78.65
8	Faribault.....	129	6	5	4	2	4	10	3			3	6	133	64.20	64.20	232.50	3,950.00	1,400.00
9	Marquette.....	59	1	1	1			1	1				3	57	24.60	24.60	124.50	3,300.00	
11	Mankato.....	140	6	2	1		2	3	2	5		2	9	134	60.40	60.40	276.00		
12	Monticello.....	73	2	1	1	1	2	4	3	4		1	8	76	33.40	33.40	250.85	1,125.00	525.00
13	Hokah.....	68	3	2	2	1	2	4	1	2			2	64	26.60	26.60	135.00	5,000.00	
14	Winona.....	222	3	2	2		2	2	2	2			8	39	20.00	20.00	163.50	50.00	
15	Minneapolis.....	833	27	30	31		8	15	6	2		4	12	225	106.20	106.20	250.00	9,000.00	
16	Caledonia.....	51	4	2	2		26	57	11	25		8	44	836	399.60	399.60	1,468.00	20,848.43	
17	Rochester.....	130	9	8	9	2	2	13	3			1	7	136	27.20	27.20	290.00	505.00	55.00
18	Pleasant Grove.....	53	1	1	1			2	2			4	2	51	20.20	20.20	109.00	2,412.33	
19	North Star.....	148	1	1	2	2	3	7	4	7		3	15	140	57.40	57.40	300.00	200.00	
20	Wilton.....	27	1	1	1			1	1			1	3	37	11.60	11.60	22.00	68.00	
21	Western Star.....	139	8	18	18	1	3	11	3			1	3	137	73.60	73.60	325.00	1,500.00	
22	Blue Earth Valley.....	61	4	1	1	1	3	5	3				2	63	26.20	26.20	150.00	500.00	
23	Clearwater.....	54	4	4	4			4	3	1			2	56	32.00	32.00	52.10	6,115.46	2,658.80
24	Morning Star.....	41	2	2	2		1	3	3				3	41	20.40	20.40	46.00	*	400.00
25	Anoka.....	157	4	3	3		4	4	3	3		2	10	151	59.40	59.40	161.50	1,627.00	45.00
26	King Hiram.....	88	3	3	3			3	2				5	38	24.00	24.00	128.00	1,448.00	
27	Sakaah.....	30	3	3	3			3	2				3	78	36.20	36.20	260.00	*	
28	Star in the East.....	103	2	4	4		2	4	1	1		3	5	106	37.20	37.20	507.00	1,567.67	
29	St. John.....	50	4	4	4		1	5	1	5		3	9	50	29.20	29.20	98.13	1,480.00	1,188.47
30	Mount Moriah.....	80	3	3	3		1	9	1	1		3	7	80	38.60	38.60	60.00	2,000.00	
31	Preston.....	99	3	1	3		1	3	5	2		3	9	95	41.00	41.00	212.85	841.45	627.10
32	Mystic Tie.....	49	1	1	1		1	4	1	2			2	48	24.40	24.40	115.00	300.00	
33	Washington.....	47	1	1	1		1	3	2	2			3	48	18.00	18.00	80.00	333.80	
34	Fidelity.....	161	8	7	6		4	10	3	2		3	7	164	82.60	82.60	337.00	1,325.00	

40	Carnelian.....	95	3	1	1	3	1	1	2	6	1	3	3	1	1	5	45.00	125.00	500.00	.....
41	Hernon.....	61	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	4	3	2	1	2	6	24.60	50.00	350.00	.....
42	Hope.....	72	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	34.00	*	*	.....
43	Harmony.....	47	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	30.40	80.00	500.00	.....
44	King Solomon.....	63	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	1	1	4	30.80	175.00	*	.....
45	Union.....	75	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	3	1	1	4	30.40	80.00	175.00	.....
46	Evergreen.....	34	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	34.60	102.00	660.00	.....
47	Concord.....	46	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	34.80	44.00	.....	.....
48	Social.....	106	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	14.20	14.20	.....	.....
49	Rising Sun.....	38	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	6	41.40	363.57	550.00	.....
50	Watertown.....	128	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	31.00	484.45	705.00	.....
51	Acacia.....	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	13.00	124.00	200.00	.....
52	Cannon River.....	43	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	17.00	275.00	300.00	.....
53	Nicollet.....	95	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	39.00	335.00	600.00	.....
54	Zion.....	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	21.00	400.00	400.00	.....
55	Meridian.....	167	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	76.60	140.00	140.00	.....
56	Blue Earth City.....	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	31.00	31.00	1,000.00	.....
57	Spring Valley.....	76	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	10	2	2	2	2	2	40.80	76.60	1,000.00	.....
58	Temple.....	96	12	14	13	1	1	1	3	16	1	1	1	1	1	2	33.00	386.30	700.00	.....
59	Star in the West.....	83	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	8	1	1	1	1	1	5	33.00	70.00	450.00	.....
60	Ashler.....	64	5	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	36.20	85.25	.....	.....
61	Star.....	45	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	17.20	120.00	*	.....
62	Illustrious.....	65	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	9	4	4	4	4	4	6	41.00	180.00	175.00	.....
63	Chain Lake.....	109	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	6	52.40	280.00	12,000.00	.....
64	Golden Rule.....	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	6	8.80	94.50	474.31	.....
65	Madeira.....	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	17.40	15.00	400.00	.....
66	Corinthian.....	44	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	21.40	113.50	239.50	.....
67	Mystic Star.....	58	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	25.60	70.00	100.00	.....
68	Painesville.....	55	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	28.60	32.00	400.00	.....
69	Lansing.....	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	15.40	59.50	.....	.....
70	Brownsville.....	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	8.60	165.00	200.00	.....
71	Eureka.....	56	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	23.60	144.00	1,600.00	.....
72	Loppa.....	36	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	15.80	50.00	300.00	.....
73	Tuscar Circle.....	95	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	42.20	250.00	750.00	.....
74	Mystic Circle.....	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	21	8	29	2	2	2	4	17.20	64.00	300.00	.....
75	Painesville.....	482	14	14	14	14	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	200.80	1,494.45	6,233.73	.....
76	Henderson.....	38	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	24.80	24.80	500.00	.....
77	Constellation.....	68	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	10	7	1	1	1	1	7	31.40	261.25	642.16	.....
78	Howard Abi.....	92	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	45.00	141.00	500.00	.....
79	Howard Abi.....	23	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
80	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
81	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
82	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
83	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
84	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
85	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
86	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
87	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
88	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
89	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....
90	Howard Abi.....	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	32.20	50.00	500.00	.....

APPENDIX C — ABSTRACTS OF LODGE RETURNS—Continued.

Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	Members Jan. 1, 1897.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Restored.	Joined.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended or Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1898.	FEES AND DUES.		Dues Owning to Lodge.	Other Lodge Assets.	Liabilities.
															For 1897.	Paid Grand Secretary.			
91	Antiquity	74	3	3	3	1	1	4	1	1	...	2	3	75	\$36.60	\$36.60	\$34.00	†	\$300.00
92	Fraternal	77	3	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	...	1	3	76	36.40	35.60	111.95	\$1,000.00	...
93	Unity	52	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	1	3	52	33.00	33.00	150.00	...	...
94	Keystone	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	52	20.00	20.00	125.00	†\$54.42	...
95	Sherburne	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	5	3	67	26.40	26.40	163.25	...	56.80
96	Libanus	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	1	61	23.60	23.60	715.92	196.24	53.50
97	Prudence	83	2	3	5	2	2	7	1	1	...	...	4	86	40.40	40.40	326.00	†2,300.00	...
98	Charity	61	4	2	2	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	1	64	30.80	30.80	326.00	†5,900.00	1,708.00
99	Cornet Stone	109	4	6	6	2	3	4	...	1	...	...	1	117	59.60	59.60	155.00	...	...
100	Aurora	122	9	8	12	3	15	7	2	1	...	...	4	133	75.00	75.00	362.75	...	...
101	Fraternity	56	1	5	5	2	...	...	1	1	...	2	4	59	35.40	35.40	66.40	800.00	75.00
102	Lebanon	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	6.00	6.00	197.00	100.00	...
103	Bethel	85	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	82	33.80	33.80	200.00	700.00	...
104	Sharon	70	2	2	2	2	4	17	1	1	...	...	...	73	32.40	32.40	440.00	600.00	...
106	Mt. Tabor	93	14	16	16	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	105	80.40	80.40	120.00	600.00	...
108	Relief	83	4	3	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	84	41.80	41.80	247.38	420.00	...
109	Sunset	100	2	2	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	103	44.80	44.80	80.00	†700.00	...
110	Pickwick	47	...	...	...	1	1	3	5	...	...	...	7	43	16.20	16.20	110.00	220.00	75.00
111	Carver	30	6	5	5	1	4	13	...	1	...	...	...	32	26.00	26.00	42.00	†2,200.00	...
112	Yankee	379	6	5	5	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	12	376	162.80	162.80	1,800.00	...	...
113	Excelsior	36	4	7	7	1	4	9	4	4	...	...	...	35	28.80	28.80	45.00	250.00	...
114	Ben Franklin	66	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	66	26.80	26.80	375.00	600.00	...
115	Eugen	48	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	22.20	22.20	75.00	175.00	...
116	Lafayette	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	22.80	22.80	98.00	...	...
117	Granite	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	...	1	9	46	17.60	17.60	84.50	400.00	...
118	Newport	93	2	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	51	23.60	23.60	40.00	...	...
119	Delta	95	...	...	...	2	...	...	9	...	...	1	10	93	52.60	52.60	225.00	1,000.00	500.00
121	Grand Meadow	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	20.00	20.00	43.00	1,200.00	226.00
122	KeVog	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	10.00	10.00	100.00	...	...
123	Prairie	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	28	10.40	10.40	80.00	350.00	...
124	Janesville	56	5	1	4	1	5	...	...	3	...	...	...	57	24.00	24.00	94.00	...	100.00
125	Winslow Lewis	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	23.00	23.00	190.50	†122.00	1,400.00
126	Moorehead	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	23.00	23.00	105.00	500.00	155.00
128	Josephus	57	4	7	4	2	1	10	...	5	...	1	...	64	39.60	39.60	75.00	†600.00	2,300.00

129	Swift	41	7	7	5	1	2	5	2	1	2	6	44	\$33.30	\$33.80	\$399.40	\$167.00	.....
131	Alma	61	5	2	6	2	1	9	3	1	2	6	64	38.20	38.20	78.60	400.00	.....
132	Humboldt	35	5	2	7	2	2	9	9	1	2	9	37	20.00	20.00	52.00	300.00	.....
133	Golden Sheaf	90	5	2	7	2	2	9	9	1	2	9	90	50.60	50.60	307.45	500.00	.....
134	Cokato	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	16.00	16.00	130.00	650.00	.....
135	Nelson	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	18.20	18.20	63.50	1,198.00	\$25.00
136	Walnut	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	3.20	3.20	8.00	1,250.00	.....
137	Appleton	71	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	28.80	28.80	181.00	1,400.00	.....
138	Orion	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	18.00	18.00	54.00	250.00	.....
139	Vermale	81	3	4	4	2	1	6	1	1	1	1	35	21.80	21.80	230.70	412.70	185.00
140	Little Falls	86	3	4	4	2	1	7	3	1	1	1	89	44.00	44.00	118.50	1,500.00	.....
141	Crookston	96	3	5	7	1	2	10	1	1	1	1	103	52.20	52.20	181.00	1,500.00	.....
142	Currie	19	3	5	7	1	2	10	1	1	1	1	19	6.80	6.80	173.00	1,500.00	.....
143	Lakeview	58	2	4	4	1	2	6	2	1	1	1	61	33.00	33.00	73.50	580.50	384.67
144	Bird Island	28	2	4	4	1	1	10	2	8	1	1	28	15.00	15.00	70.00	150.00	.....
145	Melrose	24	4	3	3	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	24	14.80	14.80	27.75	450.00	.....
146	Benton	51	3	3	3	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	53	27.20	27.20	601.75	370.00	.....
147	Canby	44	7	8	5	5	2	7	1	2	2	2	74	39.80	39.80	75.00	1,800.00	.....
148	Quarry	71	6	5	5	2	2	7	1	1	1	1	50	12.00	12.00	87.00	236.46	150.00
149	Garland	32	5	7	7	1	1	9	2	1	1	1	56	37.80	37.80	258.75	869.54	.....
150	Warren	51	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	35	18.90	18.90	175.00	150.00	.....
151	Chaska	33	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	57	23.80	23.80	355.00	400.00	.....
152	Fontier	41	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	44	23.00	23.00	150.00	490.00	.....
153	Kodahya	30	5	5	5	1	4	8	1	4	1	1	46	27.00	27.00	60.00	153.00	.....
154	Norman	30	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	62	26.00	26.00	207.00	400.00	.....
155	Tracy	50	3	2	2	1	2	4	1	3	1	1	43	32.80	32.80	54.00	100.00	.....
156	Wadena	39	3	6	4	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	33	17.80	17.80	54.00	100.00	.....
157	Parham	33	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	35.80	35.80	80.00	2,650.00	.....
158	Hector	47	5	4	10	2	1	13	1	1	1	1	173	102.40	102.40	232.00	2,000.00	.....
159	Long Prairie	169	14	12	14	1	4	19	4	9	1	1	80	35.40	35.40	44.56	2,000.00	.....
160	Plymouth	23	4	6	7	1	5	7	5	5	2	2	42	27.60	27.60	83.00	2,000.00	.....
161	Smoot	37	4	6	6	1	1	7	2	4	1	1	241	115.60	115.60	135.60	2,000.00	.....
162	Prescott	34	8	8	8	1	3	11	5	4	1	1	72	31.80	31.80	43.50	1,177.69	.....
163	Summit	240	8	8	8	6	6	8	6	2	2	2	122	31.00	31.00	83.50	700.00	.....
164	Jasper	67	3	2	2	1	1	12	6	2	2	2	51	37.00	37.00	110.00	300.00	.....
165	Minnabaha	116	7	9	11	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	53	20.40	20.40	150.00	50.00	.....
166	Agate	30	4	6	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	112	66.80	66.80	300.00	1,000.00	.....
167	Braden	97	11	8	9	1	6	15	2	2	1	1	66	27.40	27.40	170.00	1,000.00	.....
168	Pierson	65	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	42	23.60	23.60	50.00	275.00	.....
169	Fulda	40	2	3	3	1	3	3	4	2	1	1	99	63.40	63.40	372.00	469.87	.....
170	Shekinah	92	9	10	10	3	3	13	4	2	1	1	17	6.20	6.20	48.00	199.00	.....
171	Marietta	16	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	35	12.40	12.40	50.00	300.00	.....
172	Plumb Line	34	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	31	14.20	14.20	135.00	475.06	.....
173	Valley	31	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	35	24.40	24.40	69.00	281.87	.....
174	Roman Eagle	33	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	35	24.40	24.40	69.00	281.87	.....

APPENDIX C -- ABSTRACTS OF LODGE RETURNS--Continued.

Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	Members Jan. 1, 1897.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Restored.	Joined.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended or Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1898.	FEES AND DUES.		Dues Owning to Lodge.	Other Lodge Assets.	Liabilities.
															For 1897.	Paid Grand Secretary			
175	Ark.....	234	9	10	8	.....	14	22	4	10	.....	2	16	240	\$113.80	\$113.80	\$475.00 *	\$2,634.13 *	.....
176	Rough Ashler.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	6.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....
177	Anchor.....	31	3	3	3	2	1	5	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	36	21.00	21.00	55.10	1.77	\$46.50
178	King David.....	39	4	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	22.80	22.80	176.00	53.85	100.00
179	Osakis.....	31	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	28.60	28.60	43.00	.....	.....
180	Dallas.....	62	15	14	11	1	.....	13	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	63.20	63.20	466.00	1,317.41	.....
181	Fair Haven.....	40	8	1	1	.....	1	13	3	1	.....	.....	.....	38	19.80	19.80	74.00	300.00	.....
182	Spell.....	48	5	1	1	.....	.....	2	2	3	.....	.....	.....	45	34.20	34.20	73.55	430.00	.....
183	Midway.....	57	4	3	3	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	32.00	32.00	310.50	932.58	.....
184	Ionic.....	185	7	4	7	7	5	12	1	9	.....	1	11	136	69.80	69.80	700.00	248.83	30.00
185	Arcana.....	75	4	4	2	.....	3	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	39.40	39.40	243.00	750.00	.....
186	Fortitude.....	41	5	4	4	.....	.....	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	45	25.00	25.00	63.00	800.00	.....
187	Traverse.....	49	5	4	4	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	32.20	32.20	140.00	800.00	.....
188	Trium.....	78	5	3	2	.....	2	2	1	2	.....	1	4	78	39.60	39.60	192.00	800.00	.....
189	Mizpah.....	81	2	2	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	18.40	18.40	6.00	300.00	141.00
190	Crow River.....	17	6	5	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	7.40	7.40	40.30	37.00	.....
191	Amboy.....	30	5	5	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	23.60	23.60	40.00	.....	.....
192	Canton.....	65	5	1	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	36.20	36.20	62.00	90.00	.....
193	Geneva.....	40	1	1	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	19.00	19.00	22.00	300.00	46.00
194	Vermilion.....	36	2	2	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	21.60	21.60	.....	.....	.....
195	Geneva.....	35	2	2	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	30.80	37.80	112.00	690.00	.....
196	Euclid.....	81	1	5	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	37.80	37.80	953.90	220.00	315.00
197	Murray.....	37	1	2	3	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	28.40	26.80	94.00	175.00	.....
198	Zenith.....	61	7	11	5	.....	.....	12	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	50.60	50.60	30.00	.....	.....
199	Venus.....	26	1	1	2	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	12.00	12.00	30.00	1,500.00	.....
200	Stewartville.....	18	3	4	3	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	16.00	16.00	20.00	.....	.....
201	St Elmo.....	46	3	3	2	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	25.60	25.60	49.00	.....	.....
202	Wayzata.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	7.20	7.20	152.50	380.89	50.00
203	Fosston.....	35	1	2	4	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	14.60	14.60	223.00	400.00	20.00
204	Wausau.....	26	4	3	3	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	17.60	17.60	238.00	175.00	.....
205	Crescent.....	54	3	3	6	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	33.80	33.80	143.50	1,110.91	250.00
206	Itaska.....	95	3	3	2	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	22.00	22.00	238.00	283.43	.....
207	Sibley.....	17	8	7	6	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	26.60	26.60	12.00	337.87	11.25
208	Columbian.....	21	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	11.00	11.00	53.00	221.90	150.00

APPENDIX C—ABSTRACTS OF LODGE RETURNS—Continued.

Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	Members Jan. 1, 1897.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Restored.	Joined.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended or Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1898.	FEES AND DUES.		Dues Owning to Lodge.	Other Lodge Assets.	Liabilities.
															For 1897.	Paid Grand Secretary			
211	Friendship.....	80	5	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	31	20.30	20.20	32.00	300.00	.....
212	Hallock.....	25	4	4	4	2	1	4	2	2	2	1	2	28	19.60	19.60	51.25	347.93	.....
213	Mystic.....	23	3	3	3	2	1	6	1	1	1	1	2	24	25.40	25.40	9.75	403.40	60.00
214	Evansville.....	11	3	3	3	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	13	12.00	12.00	.....	.....	.....
215	Argyle.....	37	4	4	4	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	39	27.00	27.00	15.00	700.00	275.00
216	Florence.....	26	9	9	9	6	3	11	1	1	1	1	1	33	33.00	33.00	38.00	300.00	80.00
217	Capital City.....	39	8	8	8	6	3	16	1	1	1	1	1	50	39.60	39.60	185.17	650.14	.....
218	Griswold.....	32	2	2	2	1	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	38	30.40	30.40	.....	204.21	.....
219	Mt. Hermon.....	12	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	15	9.60	9.60	.....	180.00	.....
220	Olivia.....	12	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	13	10.80	10.80	.....	85.00	.....
221	Equity.....	12	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	18	16.80	16.80	6.00	200.00	.....
U D	Elysian.....	.....	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....
U D	Park Region.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....
U D	Mora.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	75.00	.....	.....
	Total.....	15 481	764	730	731	53	285	1,069	385	391	13	170	859	15 691	7,975.00	7,938.00	32,613.80	290,062.64	35,802.56

"e" Includes No. 180.

* Not reported.

† Has an interest in building.

‡ Two expelled.

APPENDIX D.

PAY ROLL, 1898.

GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.	MILEAGE	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
J. F. Lawless, M. W. G. M.....		\$6.00	\$6.00	J. F. Lawless.
A. T. Stebbins, D. G. M.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	A. T. Stebbins.
A. Brandenburg, S. G. W.....	7.50	6.00	13.50	A. Brandenburg.
J. H. Randall, J. G. W.....	.20	6.00	6.20	J. H. Randall.
J. H. Thompson, G. Treas.....	.20	6.00	6.20	J. H. Thompson.
T. Montgomery, G. Sec.....		6.00	6.00	T. Montgomery.
H. R. Adams, S. G. D.....	.20	6.00	6.20	H. R. Adams.
J. G. Wheeler, J. G. D.....	3.10	6.00	9.10	J. G. Wheeler.
J. C. Henry, G. Marsh.....		6.00	6.00	J. C. Henry.
Ed. H. Folsom, G. St. B.....	1.75	6.00	7.75	Ed. H. Folsom.
H. O. Hilton, G. Sw. B.....	1.15	6.00	7.15	H. O. Hilton.
H. D. Jenckes, S. G. St.....	7.60	6.00	13.60	H. D. Jenckes.
H. E. Wertz, J. G. St.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	H. E. Wertz.
Jno. D. Carroll, G. Purs.....	.30	6.00	6.30	J. D. Carroll.
C. W. Nash, P. G. M.....	.20	6.00	6.20	C. W. Nash.
C. Griswold, P. G. M.....		6.00	6.00	C. Griswold.
E. W. Durant, P. G. M.....	.85	6.00	6.85	E. W. Durant.
H. R. Wells, P. G. M.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	H. R. Wells.
H. R. Denny, P. G. M.....		6.00	6.00	H. R. Denny.
R. H. Gove, P. G. M.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	R. H. Gove.
J. A. Kiester, P. G. M.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	J. A. Kiester.
A. Barto, P. G. M.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	A. Barto.
W. F. Dickinson, P. G. M.....	6.90	6.00	12.90	W. F. Dickinson.
C. L. Brown, P. G. M.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	C. L. Brown.
W. T. Rigby, P. D. G. M.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	W. T. Rigby.
G. H. Davis, P. D. G. M.....	3.20	6.00	9.20	Geo. H. Davis.
C. L. West, P. D. G. M.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	C. L. West.
T. J. Lombard, P. S. G. W.....	1.35	6.00	7.35	T. J. Lombard.
S. E. Adams, P. S. G. W.....	.20	6.00	6.20	S. E. Adams.
Edgar Nash, P. S. G. W.....	.20	6.00	6.20	Edgar Nash.
C. D. Boyce, P. S. G. W.....	.20	6.00	6.20	C. D. Boyce.
Wm. Lee, P. J. G. W.....	.80	6.00	6.80	Wm. Lee.
E. P. Barnum, P. J. G. W.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	E. P. Barnum.
A. Marden, P. J. G. W.....	3.55	6.00	9.55	A. Marden.
H. C. Shepard, P. J. G. W.....		6.00	6.00	H. C. Shepard.
Wm. B. Patton, P. J. G. W.....	5.70	6.00	11.70	W. B. Patton.
J. D. Markham, P. J. G. W.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	J. D. Markham.
COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.				
A. D. Countryman.....	6.20	12.00	18.20	A. D. Countryman
O. C. Hanson.....	6.30	12.00	18.30	O. C. Hanson.
O. L. Dornberg.....	6.90	12.00	18.90	O. L. Dornberg.

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No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
1	St. Johns.....	\$0.85	\$6.00	\$6.85	L. L. Manwaring.
2	Cataract.....	.20	6.00	6.20	R. H. Hartley.
3	St. Paul.....		6.00	6.00	J. J. Early.
4	Hennepin.....	.20	6.00	6.20	R. D. Webb.
5	Ancient Landmark.....		6.00	6.00	E. L. Spencer.
7	Dakota.....	.80	6.00	6.80	G. A. Emerson.
8	Red Wing.....	1.65	6.00	7.65	D. M. Baldwin.
9	Faribault.....	2.10	6.00	8.10	Walter Birch.
11	Mantorville.....	2.95	6.00	8.95	J. E. Whitney.
12	Mankato.....	3.15	6.00	9.15	J. A. Flittie.
14	Wapahasa.....	2.80	6.00	8.80	J. A. Van Dyke.
16	Monticello.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	M. J. Kingsbury.
17	Hokah.....	5.30	6.00	11.30	A. J. Snure.
18	Winona.....	4.05	6.00	10.05	G. P. Tawney.
19	Minneapolis.....	.20	6.00	6.20	H. M. Myers.
20	Caledonia.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	M. Emery.
21	Rochester.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	J. M. Rowley.
22	Pleasant Grove.....	8.00	6.00	14.00	Geo. Fordham.
23	North Star.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	J. C. Monroe.
26	Western Star.....	4.35	6.00	10.35	G. W. Geesey.
27	Blue Earth Valley.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	W. W. Quiggle.
28	Clearwater.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	C. D. Whitmore.
29	Morning Star.....	5.05	6.00	11.05	J. W. Welsh.
30	Anoka.....	1.15	6.00	7.15	O. L. Cutter.
31	King Hiram.....	1.30	6.00	7.30	L. N. Boyle.
32	Sakatah.....	2.60	6.00	8.60	Geo. McConkey.
33	Star in the East.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	H. Anderson.
34	Oriental.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	Chas. S. Smith.
35	Mount Moriah.....	.80	6.00	6.80	A. M. Adsit.
36	Preston.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	H. M. Wells.
37	Mystic Tie.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	W. W. Jewell.
38	Washington.....	2.55	6.00	8.55	D. C. Gardner.
39	Fidelity.....	4.00	6.00	10.00	F. B. Wood.
40	Carnelian.....	2.35	6.00	8.35	E. R. Chase.
41	Hermon.....	2.70	6.00	8.70	E. Woodbury.
42	Hope.....	2.40	6.00	8.40	N. Hassan.
43	Harmony.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	Louis J. Baldwin.
44	King Solomon.....	.75	6.00	6.75	C. G. Hinds.
45	Union.....	2.20	6.00	8.20	E. F. Barrett.
46	Evergreen.....	6.40	6.00	12.40	H. B. Clausen.
47	Concord.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	W. C. Davis.
48	Social.....	1.55	6.00	7.55	H. O. Dille.
49	Rising Sun.....	4.40	6.00	10.40	C. H. Foss.
50	Watertown.....	1.55	6.00	7.55	Guy E. Halgren.
51	Acacia.....	.30	6.00	6.30	J. T. Morey.
52	Cannon River.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	Geo. Molm.
54	Nicollet.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	G. S. Ives.
55	Zion.....	1.75	6.00	7.75	Aug. J. Anderson.
56	Meridian.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	W. W. Murphy.
57	Blue Earth City.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	J. H. Sprout.
58	Spring Valley.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	G. M. Warren.
59	Temple.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	H. L. Merrill.
60	Star in the West.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	H. S. Doty.
61	Ashler.....	4.20	6.00	10.20	Geo. L. Wood.
62	Star.....	2.10	6.00	8.10	G. O. Crandall.
63	Illustrious.....	4.80	6.00	10.80	F. A. Wells.
64	Chain Lake.....	7.85	6.00	13.85	Val. Wohluter.
65	Golden Rule.....	1.25	6.00	7.25	Frank Jackson.
66	Madelia.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. E. Haycraft.
67	Corinthian.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	C. O. Westcott.
69	Mystic Star.....	5.45	6.00	11.45	W. F. Drake.
71	Paynesville.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	G. P. Ferre.
72	Lansing.....	3.90	6.00	9.90	A. E. Biddell.
73	Brownsville.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	C. E. McCann.
75	Eureka.....	4.55	6.00	10.55	Geo. W. Palmer.
76	Joppa.....	4.00	6.00	10.00	Lysander Cook.
77	Tuscan.....	3.10	6.00	9.10	G. W. Comee.

PAY ROLL, 1898. — *Continued.*

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
78	Mystic Circle.....	\$6.25	\$6.00	\$12.25	Peter Hanson.
79	Palestine.....	5.70	6.00	11.70	W. A. McGonagle
80	Henderson.....	2.05	6.00	8.05	H. A. Seigneuret.
81	Constellation.....	5.65	6.00	11.65	W. B. Milton.
82	Howard.....	1.85	6.00	7.85	E. H. Learned.
83	Huram Abi.....	3.10	6.00	9.10	J. G. Wheeler.
84	Orient.....	5.00	6.00	8.00	Taylor Robinson.
85	High Forest.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	G. F. Brown.
86	Tyrian.....	3.50	6.00	9.50	E. L. Ford.
89	Golden Fleece.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	P. Berens.
90	Good Faith.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	Alex. Fiddes.
91	Antiquity.....	4.60	6.00	10.60	W. R. Caswell.
92	Fraternal.....	2.40	6.00	8.40	Wm. Cordiner.
93	Unity.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	Wm. Sartell.
94	Keystone.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. R. L. Hanson.
95	Sherburne.....	1.95	6.00	7.95	Andrew Davis.
96	Libanus.....	4.85	6.00	10.85	Geo. Knudson.
97	Prudence.....	5.70	6.00	11.70	F. Stedman.
98	Charity.....	3.55	6.00	9.55	J. C. Geiger.
99	Corner Stone.....	7.50	6.00	13.50	J. A. McConkey.
100	Aurora.....	5.15	6.00	11.15	F. P. Barnes.
101	Fraternity.....	6.90	6.00	12.90	B. F. Thurber.
103	Bethel.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	J. W. Williams.
104	Sharon.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	Olaf Olson.
106	Mt. Tabor.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	Geo. C. Bush.
108	Relief.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	Geo. W. Ballard.
109	Sunset.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	R. A. Brown.
110	Pickwick.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	W. H. Harrington.
111	Carver.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	Geo. C. Goetz.
112	Khurum.....	.20	6.00	6.20	D. W. Knowlton.
113	Excelsior.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	G. P. Dickenson.
114	Ben. Franklin.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	John P. Houg.
115	Elgin.....	5.05	6.00	11.05	Harry Stephens
116	Lafayette.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	G. W. Foster.
117	Granite.....	4.80	6.00	10.80	M. C. Sullivan.
118	Newport.....	.80	6.00	6.80	J. M. Trickey.
119	Delta.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	D. M. King.
121	Grand Meadow.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	W. A. Nolan.
122	Kellogg.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	J. M. Wolf.
123	Prairie.....	3.40	6.00	9.40	C. W. Treat.
124	Janesville.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	D. J. Dodge.
125	Winslow Lewis.....	1.40	6.00	7.40	G. W. Savage.
126	Moorhead.....	14.00	6.00	20.00	F. H. Peterson.
128	Josephus.....	3.20	6.00	9.20	J. P. Emerson.
129	Swift.....	5.30	6.00	11.30	W. R. Smith.
131	Alma.....	4.40	6.00	10.40	H. N. Peterson.
132	Humboldt.....	2.00	6.00	8.00	H. S. Vogler.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	C. H. Leaman.
134	Cokato.....	2.35	6.00	8.35	J. A. Ecklund.
135	Nelson.....	1.85	6.00	7.85	H. B. Griffing.
137	Appleton.....	6.20	6.00	12.20	C. W. Stanton.
138	Orion.....	3.60	6.00	9.60	J. H. Strong.
139	Verndale.....	5.60	6.00	11.60	C. Dittmore.
140	Little Falls.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	O. C. Trace.
141	Crookston.....	12.00	6.00	18.00	Thos. Morris.
142	Currie.....	.80	6.00	6.80	Neil Currie.
143	Lakeview.....	7.15	6.00	13.15	Hayden French.
144	Bird Island.....	3.20	6.00	9.20	J. H. Feeter.
146	Benton.....	7.95	6.00	13.95	Henry Potter.
147	Canby.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	L. M. Lerwick.
148	Quarry.....	7.65	6.00	13.65	G. W. Nash.
149	Guardian.....	3.15	6.00	9.15	T. W. Bolles.
150	Warren.....	12.90	6.00	18.90	W. N. Powell.
151	Chaska.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	W. C. Odell.
153	Kodahya.....	12.40	6.00	18.40	A. S. Crossman
154	Norman.....	10.60	6.00	16.60	Peter Sharp.
155	Tracy.....	5.95	6.00	11.95	F. P. Starr

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No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
156	Wadena	\$6.85	\$6.00	\$12.35	John Liddell.
157	Perham	7.00	6.00	13.00	J. L. Bertholdt.
158	Hector	3.60	6.00	9.60	F. J. P. Hanson.
159	Long Prairie	6.10	6.00	12.10	B. F. Van Valkenberg.
160	Plymouth .....	.20	6.00	6.20	Otto Lohff.
161	Sincerity	5.55	6.00	11.55	W. R. Holly.
162	Prescott	6.75	6.00	12.75	R. P. Welles.
163	Summit .....	.....	6.00	6.00	C. H. Goodrich.
164	Jasper	2.25	6.00	8.25	J. D. Hoar.
165	Minnehaha .....	.30	6.00	6.20	E. R. William.
166	Garnet .....	.50	6.00	6.50	David Hanna.
168	Braden .....	.....	6.00	6.00	Albert W. Jones.
169	Pierson	8.75	6.00	14.75	T. Guinness.
170	Fulda	6.75	6.00	12.75	Geo. D. Taylor.
171	Shekinah .....	.....	6.00	6.00	Thos. Yould.
172	Marietta .....	.....	6.00	6.20	H. M. Griffin.
173	Plumb Line	2.90	6.00	8.90	Walter Dixon.
174	Valley	5.20	6.00	11.20	J. Crosier.
175	Roman Eagle	7.20	6.00	13.20	A. J. Rice.
176	Ark .....	.20	6.00	6.20	Lou A. Cox.
177	Rough Ashler .....	.....	6.00	6.00	E. E. Chard.
178	Anchor	3.85	6.00	9.85	G. A. Hollenbeck.
179	King David	5.45	6.00	11.45	H. E. Stewart.
180	Osakis	5.20	6.00	11.20	G. R. Babbitt.
181	Dalles	5.60	6.00	11.60	Leroy A. Fish.
182	Fair Haven	2.50	6.00	8.50	H. K. Kelley.
184	Shell	7.75	6.00	13.75	C. F. Moody.
185	Midway .....	.....	6.00	6.00	M. L. Bevans.
186	Ionic	5.70	6.00	11.70	W. C. White.
187	Arcana .....	.20	6.00	6.20	A. J. Morrill.
188	Fortitude	7.00	6.00	13.00	R. B. Green.
189	Traverse	8.20	6.00	14.20	X. C. Earsley.
190	Triune .....	.....	6.00	6.00	John Fishel.
191	Mizpah .....	.....	6.00	6.00	E. C. Shibley.
192	Crow River	1.40	6.00	7.40	John A. Berg.
194	Canton	7.40	6.00	13.40	J. W. Funk.
195	Renville	4.60	6.00	10.60	G. S. Humphrey.
196	Geneva	6.50	6.00	12.50	S. R. Pryor.
197	Vermillion	12.45	6.00	18.45	W. N. Shephard.
199	Murray	7.20	6.00	13.20	R. J. Henderson.
200	Zenith	5.00	6.00	11.00	E. P. Dodson.
201	Kenyon	2.15	6.00	8.15	John Holme.
202	Venus	6.50	6.00	12.50	W. H. Coons.
203	Stewartville	6.40	6.00	12.40	E. S. Wooldridge.
204	St. Elmo	-1.20	6.00	7.20	H. D. Jenckes.
205	Wayzata	1.00	6.00	7.00	Wm. Bushnell.
206	Fosston	12.70	6.00	18.70	B. S. Bennett.
207	Crescent	5.50	6.00	11.50	E. E. Daniels.
208	Itasca	8.40	6.00	14.40	E. A. Kremer.
209	Sibley	3.20	6.00	9.20	C. A. Benson.
210	Columbian	5.00	6.00	11.00	Leroy Brown.
211	Friendship	7.35	6.00	13.35	J. Brynildsen.
212	Hallock	14.55	6.00	20.55	N. P. Lundgren.
213	Mystic	6.65	6.00	12.65	Geo. T. Williams.
214	Evansville	3.00	6.00	9.00	Olof Dalheim.
215	Argyle	13.35	6.00	19.35	Thos. Clark.
216	Florence	5.20	6.00	11.20	W. T. Martin.
217	Capital City .....	.....	6.00	6.00	E. W. McCord.
218	Griswold	2.60	6.00	8.60	E. E. McGrew.
219	Mt. Hermon	6.00	6.00	9.60	Frank Wilcox.
221	Equity	5.85	6.00	11.85	S. H. Adams.
Total		\$980.60	\$1,428.00	\$2,358.60	

APPENDIX E.

NAMES OF LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.
Ancient Landmark...	5	Good Faith	90	Oriental	84
Anoka	30	Granite	117	Orient	84
Acacia	51	Grand Meadow	121	Orion	138
Ashler	61	Griswold	218	Osakis	180
Antiquity	91	Golden Sheaf	133	Park Region	210
Aurora	100	Guardian	149	Pleasant Grove	36
Alma	131	Garnet	166	Preston	71
Appleton	137	Geneva	196	Paynesville	79
Agate	167	Hennepin	4	Palestine	97
Ark	176	Hokah	17	Prudence	110
Anchor	178	Hermon	42	Pickwick	123
Arcana	187	Hope	43	Prairie	157
Amboy	193	Harmony	80	Plymouth	160
Argyle	215	Henderson	82	Prescott	162
Blue Earth Valley	27	Howard	83	Pierson	169
Blue Earth City	57	Hiram Abi	85	Plumb Line	173
Brownsville	73	High Forest	132	Quarry	148
Bethel	103	Humboldt	158	Red Wing	8
Ben Franklin	114	Hector	212	Rochester	21
Bird Island	144	Hallock	63	Rising Sun	49
Benton	146	Illustrious	186	Relief	108
Berden	108	Ionic	208	Roman Eagle	175
Cataract	2	Itasca	76	Rough Ashler	177
Caledonia	20	Jopka	124	Renville	195
Clear Water	28	Jansville	128	St. Johns	1
Carnelian	40	Josephus	164	St. Paul	3
Concord	47	Jasper	31	Sakatah	32
Cannon River	52	King Hiram	44	Star in the East	33
Chain Lake	64	King Solomon	94	Social	48
Corinthian	67	Keystone	112	Spring Valley	58
Constellation	81	Khurum	122	Star in the West	60
Charity	98	Kellogg	153	Star	62
Corner Stone	99	Kodahya	170	Sherburne	95
Capital City	217	King David	201	Sharon	104
Carver	111	Kenyon	72	Sunset	109
Cokato	134	Lansing	96	Swift	129
Crookston	141	Libanus	102	Sincerity	161
Currie	142	Lebanon	116	Summit	163
Canby	147	Lafayette	143	Shekinah	171
Chaska	151	Lakeview	140	Shell	184
Crow River	192	Little Falls	159	Stewartville	203
Canton	194	Long Prairie	11	St. Elmo	204
Crescent	207	Mantorville	12	Stibley	208
Columbian	210	Mankato	16	Temple	39
Dakota	7	Monticello	19	Tuscan	77
Doric	87	Minneapolis	223	Tyrian	86
Delta	119	Mora	29	Tracy	155
Dalles	181	Morning Star	219	Traverse	189
Evergreen	46	Mount Hermon	35	Triune	190
Eureka	75	Mount Moriah	37	Union	45
Excelsior	113	Mystic Tie	145	Unity	93
Elgin	115	Melrose	56	Venus	202
Elysian	222	Medford	66	Verndale	130
Equity	221	Mystic Star	69	Valley	174
Euclid	198	Mystic Circle	78	Vermillion	197
Evansville	214	Mount Tabor	106	Wapahosa	14
Faribault	9	Moorhead	126	Winona	18
Fidelity	9	Minnehaha	165	Wilton	24
Florence	216	Marietta	172	Western Star	20
Fraternal	92	Midway	185	Washington	58
Fraternity	101	Mizpah	191	Watertown	50
Frontier	152	Murray	198	Winslow Lewis	125
Fulda	170	North Star	23	Walnut	136
Fair Haven	182	Nicollet	54	Warren	150
Fortitude	188	Newport	118	Wadena	156
Fortson	206	Nelson	135	Wayzata	205
Friendship	211	Norman	154	Zion	55
Golden Rule	65	Olivia	220	Zenith	200
Golden Fleece	89				

APPENDIX F.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Ada.....	Norman	154	Good Thunder...	Joppa	76
Adrian.....	Roman Eagle....	175	Graceville.....	Friendship	211
Aitkin.....	Mystic	213	Grand Meadow..	Grand Meadow..	121
Albert Lea...	Western Star ..	26	Grand Rapids...	Itasca	208
Alexandria...	Constellation ..	81	Granite Falls...	Granite	117
Alma City....	Wilton	24	Hallock.....	Hallock	212
Amboy.....	Amboy	193	Hancock.....	Mt. Hermon....	219
Annandale...	Fair Haven.....	182	Hastings.....	Dakota	7
Anoka.....	Anoka	30	Hastings.....	Mt. Moriah....	35
Appleton....	Appleton	137	Hector.....	Hector	153
Argyle.....	Argyle	215	Henderson.....	Henderson	80
Atwater.....	Orion	138	Herman.....	Prescott	162
Austin.....	Fidelity	69	Heron Lake.....	Columbian	210
Barnesville...	Pierson	160	High Forest....	High Forest....	85
Belgrade.....	Crow River.....	102	Hokah.....	Hokah	17
Belle Plaine..	Rough Ashler... 177		Houston.....	Mystic Circle..	78
Benson.....	Swift	129	Howard Lake...	Howard	82
Bird Island...	Bird Island.....	144	Hutchinson...	Temple	59
Blooming Prairie.	Prairie	123	Jackson.....	Good Faith....	90
Blue Barth City.	Blue Earth City.. 57		Janesville.....	Janesville	124
Brainerd.....	Aurora	100	Jasper.....	St. Elmo	204
Breckonridge.	Frontier	152	Jordan.....	King Hiram....	31
Browns Valley.	Kodahya	153	Kasson.....	Huron Abl.....	83
Brownsville...	Brownsville	73	Kellogg.....	Kellogg	122
Brownsdale...	Lafayette	116	Kenyon.....	Kenyon	201
Brownston...	Guardian	149	Kimball Prairie.	Plumb Line....	173
Buffalo.....	Nelson	135	La Crescent...	Morning Star... 29	
Caledonia....	Caledonia	20	Lake Benton...	Benton	146
Campbell.....	Agate	167	Lake City.....	Carnelian	47
Canby.....	Canby	147	Lake Crystal...	Bethel	103
Cannon Falls...	Oriental	34	Lakeland.....	Golden Rule....	95
Canton.....	Canton	194	Lanesboro....	Lebanon	102
Carver.....	Carver	111	Lansing.....	Lansing	72
Chaska.....	Chaska	151	Le Roy.....	Eureka	75
Chatfield.....	Meridian	56	Le Sueur.....	Union	45
Clear Water...	Clear Water.....	28	Lewiston.....	Harmony	43
Cleveland....	Concord	47	Litchfield....	Golden Fleece.. 89	
Cloquet.....	Dalles	181	Little Falls...	Little Falls....	140
Clyde.....	Evergreen	46	Long Prairie...	Long Prairie....	159
Cokato.....	Cokato	184	Luverne.....	Ben Franklin... 114	
Cottage Grove.	Acacia	51	Lyle.....	Alma	131
Cottonwood...	Equity	221	Madella.....	Madella	66
Crookston....	Crookston	141	Madison.....	Geneva	196
Currie.....	Currie	142	Mankato.....	Mankato	112
Dassel.....	Griswold	218	Mantorville...	Mantorville ..	11
Dawson.....	Venus	201	Marietta.....	Marietta	172
Detroit.....	Mt. Tabor	106	Marshall.....	Delta	119
Dodge Center.	Relief	108	Mapleton.....	Josephus	128
Duluth.....	Palestine	79	Mazeppa.....	Tyrian	86
Duluth.....	Ionic	180	Melrose.....	Melrose	145
Elbow Lake...	Park Region.... U D		Minneapolis...	Cataract	2
Elgin.....	Elgin	115	Minneapolis...	Hennepin	4
Elk River.....	Sherburne	95	Minneapolis...	Minneapolis...	19
Elmore.....	King David	179	Minneapolis...	Khurum	112
Elysian.....	Elysian	222	Minneapolis...	Plymouth	160
Evansville...	Evansville	214	Minneapolis...	Minnehaha	165
Excelsior....	Excelsior	113	Minneapolis...	Ark	176
Eyota.....	Ashler	61	Minneapolis...	Arcaea	187
Fairmont.....	Charin Lake.... 64		Money Creek...	Orient	84
Faribault....	Faribault	9	Montevideo...	Sunset	109
Farmington...	Corinthian	67	Monticello...	Monticello	16
Fergus Falls.	Corner Stone... 99		Moorhead.....	Moorhead	126
Fosston.....	Fosston	206	Mora.....	Mora	223
Fulda.....	Fulda	170	Morris.....	Golden Sheaf... 133	
Glencoe.....	Hope	42	Morristown...	Cannon River... 51	
Glenwood....	Valley	174	New Paynesville.	Paynesville	72

APPENDIX F.—Continued.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Newport.....	Newport	118	St. James.....	Libanus	96
New Ulm.....	Charity	98	St. Paul.....	St. Paul	3
Northfield.....	Social	48	St. Paul.....	Ancient Landm'k	5
Olivia.....	Olivia	220	St. Paul.....	Summit	163
Ortonville.....	Lakeview	143	St. Paul.....	Braden	168
Osakis.....	Osakis	180	St. Paul.....	Shekinah	171
Osseo.....	Winslow Lewis..	125	St. Paul.....	Midway	185
Owatonna.....	Star in the East..	33	St. Paul.....	Triune	190
Park Rapids.....	Shell	184	St. Paul.....	Capital City	217
Perham.....	Perham	157	St. Peter.....	Nicollet	54
Pickwick.....	Pickwick	110	Taylor's Falls...	Zion	55
Pine Island.....	Mystic Tie.....	37	Tower.....	Vermillion	197
Pipestone.....	Quarry	148	Tracy.....	Tracy	155
Plainview.....	Illustrious	63	Two Harbors...	Fortitude	188
Pleasant Grove..	Pleasant Grove..	22	Verndale.....	Verndale	139
Preston.....	Preston	36	Villard.....	Sincerity	161
Princeton.....	Fraternal	92	Wabasha.....	Wapahasa	14
Red Wing.....	Red Wing	8	Wadena.....	Wadena	156
Red Wing.....	Arcturus	130	Walnut Grove...	Walnut	136
Redwood Falls...	Antiquity	91	Warren.....	Warren	150
Renville.....	Renville	195	Waseca.....	Tuscan	77
Rochester.....	Rochester	21	Watertown.....	Watertown	50
Rockford.....	Star	62	Waterville.....	Sakatah	32
Royalton.....	Anchor	178	Wayzata.....	Wayzata	205
Rush City.....	Jasper	164	Wells.....	Doric	87
Rushford.....	Mystic Star.....	60	West Concord...	Washington	38
Sauk Centre.....	Star in the West.	60	West Duluth...	Euclid	168
Sauk Rapids.....	Unity	93	Wheaton.....	Traverse	189
Shakopee.....	King Solomon..	44	White Bear.....	Garnet	166
Slayton.....	Murray	169	Willmar.....	Sharon	104
Sleepy Eye.....	Keystone	94	Windom.....	Prudence	97
South St. Paul...	Mizpah	191	Winnebago City..	Blue Earth Valley	27
Springfield.....	Zenith	200	Winona.....	Winona	18
Spring Valley...	Spring Valley...	58	Winthrop.....	Sibley	209
Staples.....	Crescent	207	Wood Lake.....	Florence	216
Stewartville.....	Stewartville	203	Worthington...	Fraternity	101
Stillwater.....	St. Johns	1	Young America...	Humboldt	132
St. Charles.....	Rising Sun.....	49	Zumbrota.....	Hermon	41
St. Cloud.....	Nrth Star.....	23			

In Memory of

R.: W.: Brother David Burt Loomis,

Deputy Grand Master 1858-61.

Born April 17, 1817, at Wilmington, Conn. Died Feb. 24, 1897,
at Soldiers' Home, Minnehaha Falls.

R.: W.: Brother Luther Doan Rogers,

Senior Grand Warden in 1877.

Born at Brewer, Maine, in 1837. Died April 27, 1897,
at Waterville, Minn.

R.: W.: Brother Henry Nolan Getzer,

Deputy Grand Master in 1856.

Born Oct. 6, 1825, in Montgomery Co., Missouri. Died Jan. 8, 1898,
at Stillwater, Minn.

R.: W.: Brother Charles E. Macomber,

Grand Pursuivant in 1896.

Born Dec. 9, 1849, at Sun Prairie, Wis. Died Nov. 6, 1897,
at Atwater, Minn.

R.: W.: Brother Loren R. Davis,

District Deputy Grand Master in 1897.

Died at Madison, Minn., Dec. 23, 1897.

In Memory of

the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

Andrew Martin Wolihin,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, died Feb. 22, 1897.

Joseph Norton Dolph,

Past Grand Master of Oregon, died March 10, 1897.

John Headley Bell,

Past Grand Master of Manitoba, died March 16, 1897.

John Stedman,

Past Grand Master of Montana, died March 28, 1897.

John William Morrison,

Past Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, died April 11, 1897.

Theodore Schreiner,

Past Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, died April 14, 1897.

James M. Garkey,

Past Grand Master of Arkansas, died Sept. 28, 1897.

John Quincy Adams Fellows,

Past Grand Master of Louisiana, died Nov. 28, 1897.

APPENDIX.

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED BRETHREN.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
1	St. Johns.....	J. H. Foss.....	Feb. 5, 1897
		David B. Loomis.....	Feb. 24, 1897
		Chas. B. Marshall.....	Mar. 4, 1897
		John S. Proctor.....	Mar. 6, 1897
2	Cataract.....	Robert W. Peckham.....	Dec. 21, 1897
		Arthur Merriman.....	Mar. 5, 1897
		Elijah Smith.....	April 20, 1897
		Wm. Ware.....	Aug. 6, 1897
		M. Pearce.....	Oct. 6, 1897
		Moses McKinney.....	Oct. 31, 1897
		Alvarado Richardson.....	Nov. 26, 1897
3	St. Paul.....	R. C. Leavitt.....	Dec. 3, 1897
		Frank J. King.....	April 20, 1897
4	Hennepin.....	Hiram P. Grant.....	Oct. 4, 1897
		Henry W. Heine.....	Nov. 18, 1897
		Ogden T. Tuttle.....	Jan. 10, 1897
		Leonard Kinsel.....	Mar. 29, 1897
		William Cove.....	April 4, 1897
		Wm. C. Hamilton.....	May 5, 1897
		Engelbert Waldman.....	June 30, 1897
5	Ancient Landmark	James B. Theilgard.....	Sept. 6, 1897
		Frank T. Lindman.....	Oct. 28, 1897
		Chas. A. Hefflefinger.....	Nov. 5, 1897
		Freeman James.....	Mar. 24, 1897
		Fred Richter.....	April 23, 1897
		George H. Allen.....	July 2, 1897
		Eugene A. Holmes.....	Aug. 8, 1897
7	Dakota.....	Wm. A. Spencer.....	Sept. 28, 1897
		James R. Bell.....	Feb. 7, 1897
8	Red Wing.....	William E. Hull.....	Aug. 11, 1897
		Henry Brown.....	Sept. 6, 1897
9	Faribault.....	George Sterling.....	Sept. 20, 1897
		Z. B. Nichols.....	Mar. 4, 1897
		Frank A. Davis.....	April 1, 1897
		George F. Howe.....	Oct. 18, 1897
12	Mankato.....	B. F. Shaubut.....	Mar. 29, 1897
16	Monticello.....	John A. Willard.....	Dec. 14, 1897
17	Hokah.....	William H. Stokes.....	Mar. 20, 1897
18	Winona.....	Herman Riebe.....	June 7, 1897
		Marshall N. Pierce.....	Mar. 19, 1897
		H. D. Morse.....	May 8, 1897
		G. W. Willis.....	Aug. 22, 1897
19	Minneapolis.....	Edwin G. Nourse.....	Dec. 8, 1897
		Lucien H. Smith.....	Jan. 13, 1897
		Gottlieb F. Gerrbach.....	Mar. 3, 1897
		John H. Noble.....	Mar. 15, 1897
		J. M. Heal.....	April 17, 1897
		C. D. Pillsbury.....	April 23, 1897
		C. E. Holt.....	May 24, 1897
		C. S. Mason.....	July 7, 1897
		Richard Lackey.....	Nov. 27, 1897
		Theobald Krick.....	Feb. 1, 1897
20	Caledonia.....	Isaac Buley.....	April —, 1897
21	Rochester.....	Geo. E. Leonard.....	April 20, 1897
		Isaac B. Odekirk.....	May —, 1897
		I. F. Clark.....	Oct. —, 1897

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NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
23	North Star.....	John W. Metzroth.....	Mar. 26, 1897
		Francis Talcott.....	April 28, 1897
26	Western Star....	Albert Otis Gilman.....	July 16, 1897
30	Anoka.....	William C. Pratt.....	Aug. 5, 1897
		Andrew J. Fullerton.....	Mar. 5, 1897
32	Sakatah.....	Leonard A. Jordan.....	Nov. 10, 1897
		Luther Z. Rogers.....	April 1, 1897
		Geo. F. McKinley.....	Oct. 10, 1897
34	Oriental.....	Daniel H. McKinley.....	Dec. 24, 1897
		Jonathan S. Poe.....	Feb. 3, 1897
		Darwin E. Yale.....	Aug. 30, 1897
35	Mount Moriah...	Stephen Van Guilder.....	Dec. 5, 1897
		Herman J. Brokmeler.....	Feb. 28, 1897
		E. B. Allen.....	June 12, 1897
36	Preston.....	Otto Doebler.....	July 30, 1897
		Richard Noehring.....	Feb. 20, 1897
39	Fidelity.....	Thomas Quinn.....	May 18, 1897
		Wm. C. Strouts.....	April 24, 1897
		Darius A. McFadden.....	July 4, 1897
		Chas. M. Rice.....	Nov. 26, 1897
41	Hermon.....	Adelbert Wells.....	July 16, 1897
43	Harmony.....	Abel B. Folsom.....	Sept. 21, 1897
		Jacob Posz.....	April 28, 1897
44	King Solomon....	Neil Henry.....	May 2, 1897
45	Union.....	Geo. E. Lenhart.....	Mar. 7, 1897
46	Evergreen.....	Fred Pepper.....	Aug. —, 1897
48	Social.....	William Campbell.....	Dec. 25, 1897
49	Rising Sun.....	C. L. Beach.....	May 20, 1897
56	Meridian.....	Wm. E. Cross.....	Jan. 13, 1897
		Smith Atchison.....	Aug. 30, 1897
59	Temple.....	John Johnson.....	Oct. 14, 1897
60	Star in the West.	Lyman Carr.....	Jan. 9, 1897
		Lemuel E. Coe.....	May 7, 1897
62	Star.....	Samuel M. Bruce.....	Aug. 3, 1897
64	Chain Lake.....	Wm. McKinley.....	Sept. 21, 1897
		L. N. Drake.....	June 6, 1897
65	Golden Rule.....	John Heyworth.....	Nov. 26, 1897
66	Madelia.....	Chas. H. Pratt.....	Dec. 27, 1897
71	Paynesville.....	Wm. P. Mitchell.....	Jan. 16, 1897
75	Eureka.....	John Blakely.....	Sept. 6, 1897
76	Joppa.....	E. F. McKee.....	Sept. 29, 1897
		Fred S. Graham.....	May 24, 1897
77	Tuscan.....	Benj. F. Welch.....	Nov. 24, 1897
78	Mystic Circle....	Chas. M. Smith.....	Oct. 17, 1897
79	Palestine.....	Wm. B. Mitchell.....	Oct. 11, 1897
		Wm. Baillie.....	Jan. 21, 1897
		Chas. M. Vance.....	Jan. 27, 1897
		Wm. W. Hancock.....	Feb. 17, 1897
		George L. Kelley.....	April 24, 1897
		Chas. T. Porter.....	April 27, 1897
		Vespasian Smith.....	Oct. 12, 1897
		Wm. F. Smith.....	Nov. 1, 1897
83	Huram Abl.....	Herdon M. Myers.....	Dec. 4, 1897
86	Tyrian.....	Asa G. Gilbert.....	June 28, 1897
		John B. Gregoire.....	Feb. 16, 1897
89	Golden Fleece...	George Stace.....	Mar. 28, 1897
91	Antiquity.....	Nils Axel Viren.....	Mar. 18, 1897
		George W. Rutter.....	Mar. 4, 1897
		Wm. D. Flinn.....	Nov. 22, 1897

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No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
92	Fraternal.....	Ezra D. Wheeler.....	Sept. 3, 1897
93	Unity.....	Frank S. Green.....	June 16, 1897
95	Sherburne.....	Dwight R. Houlton.....	Jan. 25, 1897
		L. E. Preston.....	May 20, 1897
		John Pollard.....	Nov. 10, 1897
		Benj. F. Mable.....	Nov. 16, 1897
		P. O. Hawes.....	Dec. 15, 1897
100	Aurora.....	Newton McFadden.....	July 25, 1897
		John Weir.....	Aug. 31, 1897
101	Fraternity.....	Azom Forbes.....	Mar. 14, 1897
		Edwin B. Elliott.....	April 18, 1897
106	Mt. Tabor.....	Chas. W. Young.....	Aug. 21, 1897
		R. D. Ryerson.....	Sept. 11, 1897
		John Vetter.....	Sept. 28, 1897
110	Pickwick.....	Daniel Cherry.....	Nov. 25, 1895
		Thos. G. Wilson.....	Dec. 4, 1896
111	Carver.....	Wm. C. Bredenhagen.....	June 7, 1897
		Silas Barnard.....	Dec. 1, 1897
112	Khurum.....	H. C. Truesdale.....	Oct. 28, 1897
		Wm. H. Bronley.....	Sept. 1, 1897
113	Excelsior.....	Thos. H. Van Enary.....	April 29, 1897
117	Granite.....	Chas. E. Wellshan.....	Nov. 30, 1897
119	Delta.....	Samuel Buturff.....	Nov. —, 1897
123	Prairie.....	Alaster G. Ingersoll.....	Dec. 25, 1897
		Geo. A. Reynolds.....	Jan. 8, 1897
125	Winslow Lewis..	Benj. D. Woodmansee.....	April 9, 1897
		Fred Schmidt.....	Sept. 2, 1897
126	Moorhead.....	Chas. A. Alderman.....	Feb. 22, 1897
131	Alma.....	Richard Forrestal.....	—, 1897
		James McDougal.....	Oct. 18, 1897
138	Orion.....	Charles Macomber.....	Nov. 6, 1897
139	Verndale.....	Wm. H. Palmer.....	May 4, 1897
141	Crookston.....	James D. Marshall.....	May 21, 1897
143	Lakeview.....	P. C. Kjaer.....	June 29, 1897
146	Benton.....	John H. Manchester.....	Oct. 30, 1897
147	Canby.....	Rollin M. Strong.....	Oct. 11, 1897
		Wm. U. Miller.....	—, 1897
157	Perham.....	S. F. Sawyer.....	Mar. 25, 1897
159	Long Prairie....	Oliver Peltier.....	Feb. 25, 1897
		Silas E. Warner.....	Mar. 3, 1897
163	Summit.....	F. S. Clemmons.....	Jan. 19, 1897
166	Garnet.....	John Atchley.....	Jan. 24, 1897
		David F. Skillman.....	Dec. 10, 1897
169	Pierson.....	Henry Gowenlock.....	Mar. 8, 1897
170	Fulda.....	John Werner.....	April 11, 1897
173	Plumb Line....	Moses H. Crisenberg.....	Dec. 5, 1897
176	Ark.....	Louis J. Delarose.....	Aug. 17, 1894
		Chas. H. Parkell.....	Sept. 10, 1894
186	Ionic.....	J. H. Isham.....	Mar. 16, 1897
187	Arcana.....	Wm. H. Sweet.....	July 19, 1897
190	Triune.....	Calvin Smith Jones.....	Aug. 1, 1897
196	Geneva.....	Loren R. Davis.....	Dec. 20, 1897
213	Mystic.....	Adam Scott.....	Sept. 7, 1897
215	Argyle.....	Fredrick S. D. Tiedt.....	Mar. 7, 1897
219	Mt. Hermon.....	Walter C. Huggins.....	June 23, 1897

APPENDIX G.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting:

Know ye, that I have divided the territory of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A.: F.: & A.: M.:, into thirty-four (34) districts, each district composed of the lodges as hereinafter designated, and that I have appointed, and do hereby depute and appoint, the right worshipful brethren hereinafter named as District Deputy Grand Masters, in and for the respective districts, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

R.: W.: WM. M. SELBY (29), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
17	Hokah	Hokah	73	Brownsville	Brownsville
20	Caledonia	Caledonia	110	Pickwick	Pickwick
29	Morning Star.....	La Crescent	194	Canton	Canton
36	Preston	Preston			

SECOND DISTRICT.

R.: W.: G. W. ROCKWELL (69), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
58	Spring Valley....	Spring Valley	84	Orient	Money Creek
69	Mystic Star.....	Rushford	102	Lebanon	Lanesboro
78	Mystic Circle.....	Houston	121	Grand Meadow.	Grand Meadow

THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. A. C. PAGE (39), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
39	Fidelity	Austin	116	Lafayette	Brownsdale
72	Lansing	Lansing	123	Prairie.....	Blooming Prairie
75	Eureka.....	Le Roy	131	Alma	Lyle

FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. V. C. DICKEY (85), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
22	Pleasant Grove.....	Pleasant Grove	85	High Forest.....	High Forest
56	Meridian	Chatfield	203	Stewartville..	Stewartville

FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. ENOCH STOTT (18), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
18	Winona	Winona	61	Ashler	Eyota
43	Harmony	Lewiston	63	Illustrious	Plainview
46	Evergreen	Troy	115	Elgin	Elgin
49	Rising Sun.....	St. Charles			

SIXTH DISTRICT.

R. W. GEO. W. BALLARD (108), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
11	Mantorville	Mantorville	83	Huram Abl.....	Kasson
21	Rochester	Rochester	108	Relief	Dodge Center
38	Washington.....	West Concord	201	Kenyon	Kenyon

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. E. L. FORD (86), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
14	Wapahasa	Wabasha	41	Hermon	Zumbrota
37	Mystic Tie.....	Pine Island	86	Tyrian	Mazeppa
40	Carnelian	Lake City	122	Kellogg	Kellogg

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. C. HAWES (8), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
7	Dakota	Hastings	34	Oriental	Cannon Falls
8	Red Wing.....	Red Wing	35	Mount Moriah.....	Hastings

NINTH DISTRICT.

R. W. W. B. HAWLEY (9), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
9	Faribault	Faribault	52	Cannon River.....	Morristown
33	Star in the East.....	Owatonna	67	Corinthian	Farmington
48	Social	Northfield			

TENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. H. E. BLAIR (32), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
24	Wilton	Alma City	77	Tuscan	Waseca
26	Western Star.....	Albert Lea	124	Janesville	Janesville
32	Sakatah	Waterville	222	Elysian	Elysian

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. H. SPROUT (57), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
27	Blue Earth Valley.....	Winnepago City	64	Chain Lake.....	Fairmount
57	Blue Earth City.....	Blue Earth City	87	Doric	Wells
			90	Good Faith.....	Jackson
			179	King David.....	Elmore

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. A. J. RICE (175), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
97	Prudence	Windom	175	Roman Eagle.....	Adrian
101	Fraternity	Worthington	210	Columbian	Heron Lake
114	Ben Franklin.....	Luverne			

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. JEAN A. FLITTIE (12), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
12	Mankato	Mankato	96	Libanus	St. James
66	Madelia	Madelia	103	Bethel	Lake Crystal
76	Joppa	Good Thunder	128	Josephus	Mapleton

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. GID S. IVES (54), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
45	Union	Le Sueur	80	Henderson	Henderson
47	Concord	Cleveland	209	Sibley	Winthrop
54	Nicollet	St. Peter			

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. WM. MCGILLIVRAY (148), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
142	Currie	Currie	199	Murray	Slayton
148	Quarry	Pipestone	204	St. Elmo	Jasper
170	Fulda	Fulda			

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. O. E. MAXSON (119), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
119	Delta	Marshall	155	Tracy	Tracy
136	Walnut	Walnut Grove	200	Zenith	Springfield
146	Benton	Lake Benton	221	Equity	Cottonwood
147	Canby	Canby			

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. O. L. DORNBERG (91), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
91	Antiquity	Redwood Falls	196	Geneva	Madison
94	Keystone	Sleepy Eye	202	Venus	Dawson
98	Charity	New Ulm	216	Florence	Wood Lake
172	Marietta	Marietta			

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. H. A. DURAND (118), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
1	St. Johns.....	Stillwater	118	Newport	Newport
51	Acacia	Cottage Grove	164	Jasper	Rush City
55	Zion	Taylor's Falls	166	Garnet	White Bear
65	Golden Rule.....	Lakeland			

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. PETER McCALLUM (185), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
3	St. Paul.....	St. Paul	185	Midway	St. Paul
5	Ancient Landmark....	St. Paul	190	Triune	St. Paul
163	Summit	St. Paul	191	Mizpah	South St. Paul
168	Braden	St. Paul	217	Capital City.....	St. Paul
171	Shekinah	St. Paul			

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

R. W. H. D. DICKINSON (19), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
2	Cataract	Minneapolis	160	Plymouth	Minneapolis
4	Hennepin	Minneapolis	165	Minnehaha	Minneapolis
19	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	176	Ark	Minneapolis
112	Khurum	Minneapolis	187	Arcana	Minneapolis

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. CHARLES JACKSON (31), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
31	King Hiram.....	Jordan	151	Chaska	Chaska
44	King Solomon.....	Shakopee	177	Rough Ashler....	Belle Plaine
111	Carver	Carver			

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. NELSON HASSAN (42), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
42	Hope	Glencoe	153	Hector	Hector
59	Temple	Hutchinson	195	Renville	Renville
144	Bird Island.....	Bird Island	220	Olivia	Olivia
149	Guardian	Brownston			

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. M. C. SULLIVAN (117), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
109	Sunset	Montevideo	137	Appleton	Appleton
117	Granite	Granite Falls	143	Lakeview	Ortonville

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. B. F. JENNESS (104), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
82	Howard	Howard Lake	133	Orlon	Atwater
89	Golden Fleece.....	Litchfield	192	Crow River.....	Belgrade
104	Sharon	Willmar	218	Griswold	Dassel
134	Cokato	Cokato			

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. BRYNILDSON (211), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
129	Swift	Benson	167	Agate	Campbell
133	Golden Sheaf.....	Morris	180	Traverse	Wheaton
152	Frontier	Breckenridge	211	Friendship	Graceville
153	Kodahya	Browns Valley	219	Mt. Hermon.....	Hancock
162	Prescott	Herman			

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

R. W. ANDREW DAVIS (95), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
16	Monticello	Monticello	95	Sherburne	Elk River
30	Anoka	Anoka	125	Winslow Lewis...	Osseo
62	Star	Rockford	135	Nelson	Buffalo
92	Fraternal	Princeton			

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. W. S. HUNTINGTON (182), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
23	North Star.....	St. Cloud	93	Unity	Sauk Rapids
28	Clear Water.....	Clearwater	173	Plumb Line...Kimball	Prairie
71	Paynesville...New	Paynesville	182	Fair Haven.....	Annandale

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R. W. CHAS. S. ALLEN (60), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
60	Star in the West.....	Sauk Center	162	Sincerity	Villard
81	Constellation.....	Alexandria	174	Valley	Glenwood
145	Melrose	Melrose	180	Osakis	Osakis
159	Long Prairie.....	Long Prairie			

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

R. W. S. L. FRAZER (186), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
79	Palestine	Duluth	197	Vermillion	Tower
181	Dalles	Cloquet	198	Euclid	West Duluth
186	Ionic	Duluth	208	Itasca	Grand Rapids
188	Fortitude	Two Harbors	223	Mora	Mora

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

R. W. F. M. SHOOK (213), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
100	Aurora	Brainerd	207	Crescent	Staples
140	Little Falls.....	Little Falls	213	Mystic	Aitkin
178	Anchor	Royalton			

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. F. H. PETERSON (126), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
99	Corner Stone.....	Fergus Falls	214	Evansville	Evansville
126	Moorhead	Moorhead		U. D. Park Region.....	Elbow Lake
169	Pierson	Barnesville			

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. THOMAS MORRIS (141), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
141	Crookston	Crookston	206	Fosston	Fosston
150	Warren	Warren	212	Hallock	Hallock
154	Norman	Ada	215	Argyle	Argyle

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R.: W.: GEO. P. DICKINSON (113), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
50	Watertown	Watertown	132	Humboldt	Young America
113	Excelsior	Excelsior	205	Wayzata	Wayzata

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: W. N. MORELL (139), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
106	Mount Tabor	Detroit	157	Perham	Perham
139	Verndale	Verndale	184	Shell	Park Rapids
156	Wadena	Wadena			

And the said R.: W.: District Deputies are authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers pertaining to said office, within their respective districts, until the next annual communication of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota, unless otherwise ordered.

Dated this 17th day of January, A. D. 1898, A.: L.: 5898.

A. T. STEBBINS,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOMAS MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX H.

GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE. (English Speaking.)	NAME OF GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	NAME OF GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	James A. Bilbro..	Gadsden.....	H. C. Armstrong..	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	Wm. F. Nichols..	Willcox.....	Geo. J. Roskrige..	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	C. C. Ayers.....	Fort Smith....	Fay Hempstead...	Little Rock.
British Columbia	E. D. McLaren....	Vancouver....	W. J. Quinlan....	Victoria.
California.....	Thomas Flint....	San Juan.....	Geo. Johnson.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	Wm. Gibson.....	Beamsville....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Colorado.....	Cromwell Tucker.	Denver.....	Ed. C. Parmelee...	Denver.
Connecticut.....	Geo. A. Kies.....	Norwich.....	John H. Barlow...	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Jas. E. Dutton...	Seaford.....	Benj. F. Bartram..	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	Matthew Trimble.	Washington...	Wm. R. Singleton..	Washington.
England.....	Prince of Wales...	London.....	Edw'd Letchworth.	London.
Florida.....	Jas M. Hilliard..	Pensacola....	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Jas. W. Taylor...	Luthersville..	A. M. Wollin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	G. M. Waterhouse	Weiser.....	C. C. Stevenson...	Boise.
Illinois.....	Edward Cook....	Chicago.....	J. H. C. Dill.....	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	Mason J. Niblack.	Vincennes....	Wm. H. Smythe...	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.	James A. Scott...	Muskogee....	Jos. S. Murrow...	Atoka.
Iowa.....	A. R. Dewey.....	Washington...	Theo. S. Parvin...	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Duke of Abercorn.	Dublin.....	Arch. St. George...	Dublin.
Kansas.....	Wm. M. Shaver...	Topeka.....	Albert K. Wilson...	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	R. H. Thompson..	Louisville....	Henry B. Grant...	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Albert G. Brice...	New Orleans..	Richard Lambert...	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Jos. A. Locke....	Portland.....	Stephen Berry....	Portland.
Maine.....	Thos. Robinson...	Winnipeg....	Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Thos. J. Shryock.	Baltimore....	Jacob H. Medairy...	Baltimore.
Massachusetts...	C. C. Hutchinson.	Boston.....	Ser. D. Nickerson.	Boston.
Michigan.....	Lou B. Winsor...	Reed City....	Jeff. S. Conover...	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	A. T. Stebbins...	Rochester....	Thos. Montgomery.	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	John S. Cobb....	Verona.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	F. J. Tygard....	Butler.....	John D. Vincill...	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Edward C. Day...	Helena.....	Cornelius Hedges.	Helena.
Nebraska.....	John B. Dinsmore	Sutton.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	Albert Lackey...	Gold Hill....	C. N. Noteware...	Carson City.
New Brunswick.	Thos. Walker....	Saint John...	J. T. Hartt.....	St. John.
New Hampshire.	Henry A. Marsh...	Nashua.....	Geo. P. Cleaves...	Concord.
New Jersey.....	G. W. Fortmeyer.	East Orange..	T. H. R. Redway...	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	John W. Poe.....	Roswell.....	Alpheus A. Keen...	Albuquerque.
New S. Wales...	Slr J. P. Abbott..	Rochester....	Arthur H. Bray...	Sydney.
New York.....	W. A. Sutherland.	Webster.....	E. M. L. Ehlers...	New York.
New Zealand...	Wm. Barron.....	Grand Forks..	Wm. Ronaldson...	Christchurch.
North Carolina.	Walter E. Moore.	Yarmouth....	John C. Drewry...	Raleigh.
North Dakota...	R. M. Carothers.	Hemilton....	F. J. Thompson...	Fargo.
Nova Scotia....	Thos. B. Flint...	Norman.....	William Ross....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	Nelson Williams.	Salom.....	J. H. Bromwell...	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	Albert W. Fisher.	Philadelphia.	James S. Hunt...	Stillwater.
Oregon.....	W. H. Hobson...	Summerside..	Jas. P. Robinson.	Eugene.
Pennsylvania...	Wm. J. Kelly....	Quebec.....	Wm. A. Sinn.....	Philadelphia.
P. Edward Island	Leonard Morris.	Warren.....	Neil MacKelvie...	Summerside.
Quebec.....	E. D. T. Chambers.	Columbia....	John H. Isaacson.	Montreal.
Rhode Island...	Wm. H. Crawley.	Deadwood....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	Lord Saltoun...	Chattanooga.	D. Murray Lyon...	Edinburgh.
South Australia.	S. J. Way.....	Terrill.....	J. H. Cunningham.	Adelaide.
South Carolina.	J. T. Barron.....	Prov.	Chas. Inglesby...	Charleston.
South Dakota...	Albert W. Coe...	Burlington...	Geo. A. Pettigrew.	Flandreau.
Tasmania.....	C. E. Davies.....	Richmond....	John Hamilton...	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Arch. N. Sloan...	Snohomish...	John E. Garrett...	Nashville.
Texas.....	John L. Terrell.	Charlestown.	John Watson.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Abram D. Gash...	Fond du Lac..	Christopher Diehl.	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	D. N. Nicholson.	Cheyenne....	W. G. Reynolds...	Burlington.
Victoria.....	Lord Brassey...		John Bram.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	A. R. Courtney...		G. W. Carrington.	Richmond.
Washington...	Arch. W. Frater.		Thos. M. Reed....	Olympia.
West Virginia...	B. D. Gibson....		Geo. W. Atkinson.	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	Nathan C. Giffin.		John W. Laffin...	Millwaukee.
Wyoming.....	E. P. Rohrbaugh.		W. L. Kuykendahl	Saratoga.

Fifty in United States, three in Great Britain, seven in Canada and five in Australasia.

APPENDIX I.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

To.			From.	
Name.	Residence.	State.	Name.	Residence.
Palmer J. Pillans...	Belknap.....	Alabama.....	.....	.....
Wm. Henry Gee....	Dardanelle....	Arizona.....	.....	.....
John Bule.....	N. Westminster	Arkansas.....	A. La Due.....	Mantorville.
Samuel B. Hincley	Riverside.....	Brit. Columbia	Chas. D. Boyce...	Minneapolis.
A. A. Stevenson...	Montreal.....	California.....	Geo. W. Prescott...	Stillwater.
Juan Miguel Ferrer	Havana.....	Canada.....	E. W. Durant.....	Sauk Center.
Henry M. Teller...	Central City...	Colon and Cuba	Alphonso Barto...	St. Paul.
Edmund Tweedy...	Danbury.....	Colorado.....	T. Montgomery...	St. Paul.
Chas. C. Kling...	Newark.....	Connecticut...	Chas. Griswold...	St. Paul.
C. W. Hancock....	Washington...	Danbury.....	Henry R. Denny...	St. Paul.
.....	.....	Delaware.....	J. D. Markham...	Rush City.
.....	.....	Dist. Columbia	.....	.....
Angus Peterson...	Madison.....	England.....	.....	.....
E. H. Reed.....	Waycross....	Florida.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Center.
.....	.....	Georgia.....	.....	.....
Edward C. Pace....	Ashley.....	Idaho.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Center.
.....	.....	Illinois.....	A. Y. Davidson...	Minneapolis.
F. H. Nash.....	Fort Gibson...	Indiana.....	Wm. S. Combs...	St. Paul.
Oliver Fry.....	Dublin.....	Indian Ter....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
John H. Spencer...	Independence...	Ireland.....	T. Montgomery...	St. Paul.
J. Q. A. Fellows...	New Orleans...	Kansas.....	Calvin L. Brown...	Morris.
John B. Redman...	Ellsworth....	Louisiana...	Chas. W. Nash...	Minneapolis.
Hugh McCowan....	Winnipeg....	Maine.....	L. Z. Rogers.....	Waterville.
Hugh B. Jones....	Baltimore....	Manitoba....	H. C. Shepard....	Winona.
.....	.....	Maryland....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Massachusetts	.....	.....
John Woodruff....	Niles.....	Mexico.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Michigan....	Alphonso Barto...	St. Cloud.
W. R. Montgomery	Connersville...	Minnesota...	.....	.....
Howard Watson...	St. Louis....	Mississippi...	Henry R. Wells...	Preston.
.....	.....	Missouri.....	J. F. Lawless....	St. Paul.
.....	.....	Montana....	.....	.....
Homer J. Allen....	Kearney.....	Nebraska....	J. E. Finch.....	Hastings.
Edward T. George...	Battle Mount'n	Nevada.....	A. Marden.....	New Ulm.
Thos. Walker, M.D.	St. John.....	N. Brunswick.	James N. Castle...	Stillwater.
Albert S. Batchellor	Littleton....	N. Hampshire.	William Lee.....	Hastings.
John G. Muirhead...	Pennington...	New Jersey...	J. H. Thompson...	Minneapolis.
.....	.....	New Mexico...	.....	.....
.....	.....	New S. Wales.	.....	.....
John S. Denton....	Jamaica.....	New York....	Jacob A. Klester...	B. Earth City.
Thos. Alex. Peterkin	Westport....	New Zealand..	H. J. Peck.....	Shakopee.
.....	.....	North Carolina	Wm. S. Combs...	St. Paul.
Wm. A. Bentley....	Bismarck....	North Dakota.	Henry R. Wells...	Preston.
George A. Velts....	Digby.....	Nova Scotia...	Jacob A. Klester...	B. Earth City.
Ralph R. Rickley...	Columbus....	Ohio.....	Wm. T. Rigby....	Clear Water.
.....	.....	Oklahoma....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Oregon.....	Wm. S. Combs...	St. Paul.
.....	.....	Pennsylvania.	Wm. B. Patton...	Duluth.
John D. Bell.....	Montague....	Pr. Edward Is.	A. T. Stebbins...	Rochester.
John P. Noyes....	Waterloo....	Quebec.....	James N. Castle...	Stillwater.
John E. Goldsworthy	Central Falls..	Rhode Island.	.....	.....
.....	.....	Scotland....	T. Montgomery...	St. Paul.
Sam'l Henry Good...	.....	S. Australia..	E. P. Barnum....	St. Cloud.
.....	.....	South Carolina	.....	St. Paul.
J. Q. A. Braden....	Aberdeen....	South Dakota.	Henry R. Wells...	Preston.
.....	.....	Tasmania....	.....	.....
Henry M. Alken....	Knoxville...	Tennessee...	W. F. Dickinson...	Redw'd Falls.
.....	.....	Texas.....	Jacob A. Klester...	B. Earth City.
P. L. Williams....	Salt Lake City	Utah.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
Edwin Wheelock...	Cambridge....	Vermont.....	Sam'l E. Adams...	Minneapolis.
Dr. E. Hinchcliffe	.....	Victoria....	.....	.....
Wm. H. Pleasants...	Holins.....	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Louis Ziegler.....	Spokane Falls	Washington...	Henry R. Denny...	St. Paul.
Samuel D. Engle...	Middleway....	West Virginia	Chas. L. West....	Austin.
W. W. Perry.....	Eagle.....	Wisconsin...	Geo. H. Davis....	Mankato.
.....	Wyoming....

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APPENDIX K.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee on foreign correspondence has received and examined the following grand lodge proceedings:

ALABAMA, 1896.

The seventy-sixth annual communication was held at Montgomery, Dec. 1st and 2d, M.: W.: G. P. Harrison, Grand Master. Two hundred and forty-nine lodges represented; three hundred and seventy-five on the roll. Six past grand masters present, our representative among the number.

Two dispensations for new lodges; three dormant lodges revived. Membership reported eleven thousand, one hundred, and thirteen; gain eight hundred and eighty-eight. Ministers of the gospel seven hundred and sixty-nine; loss thirty-seven. Receipts \$5,296.78.

The following were among the approved decisions:

7. That a masonic obligation taken by a party under an assumed name is as binding upon him as if taken in his proper name.

14. That a grand master has no right to grant a dispensation to fill a vacancy caused in the office of worshipful master whilst either the senior warden's or junior warden's station is filled by a duly elected and installed officer.

17. That a profane residing in the jurisdiction of this grand lodge cannot be made a mason in a foreign jurisdiction without the consent of the lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides having first been obtained.

25. That a profane may present his petition for initiation to the lodge of his choice, though he resides in the jurisdiction of another lodge, and the lodge receiving such petition and conferring a degree or degrees without obtaining the information required by article six, section thirteen, of the constitution, is liable to the lodge having jurisdiction for the fees.

No. 17 is in accord with what is termed the American system, consequently good law. No. 25 was not approved by the committee on masonic jurisprudence, but that portion of their report was rejected by the grand lodge. The conflicting rulings therefore stand upon the record. The matter of fees in Alabama seems paramount to all other considerations.

The committee on trust fund reported the purchase of a lot for \$9,750, upon which it is proposed to build a masonic temple; a gavel made from the magnolia tree planted by George Washington at Mount Vernon was forwarded by Miss Leila Herbert, one of the vice regents of the ladies' association; the Wisconsin relief proposition was referred to a special committee, to report next year; the Maine proposition for uniform legislation upon rejected candidates was referred to the committee on masonic jurisprudence, which was granted further time to consider it; a set of gavels was accepted upon behalf of the students of the A. & M. College at Auburn; the trust fund was reported at \$22,637.85, in addition to the lot; an alphabetical index to the code was presented by a brother and ordered printed; the matter of raising funds for the Mount Vernon Association was referred to the lodges; and a testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. P. J. Pillans, the veteran reviewer and our representative. Of Minnesota he writes:

Bro. Irving Todd again made the report on correspondence in a very condensed, yet pleasant, manner. Alabama for 1894 receives due attention.

We were much pleased with the social gathering of the Masonic Veterans' Association; meetings like these keep alive the love of the order, and may yet lead to a cultivation of the social feature in lodges.

We don't like the altogether too common term, our order. The masonic fraternity is a society, an institution, and not a mere grade or decoration, all the monitors and ahiman rezons to the contrary notwithstanding.

M.: W.: J. A. Bilbro, Gadsden, Grand Master; R.: W.: H. C. Armstrong, Montgomery, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. P. J. Pillans, Belknap, committee on foreign correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1896.

The fifteenth annual communication was held at Tucson, Nov. 10th, 11th, and 12th, M.: W.: A. L. Grow, Grand Master. Ten lodges represented; eleven on the roll. Six past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership five hundred and sixty-nine; gain sixty-six. Receipts \$941.

The action of the grand master in granting a dispensation to a lodge to act upon petitions with only six members present was not approved, although the business transacted was confirmed as being done in good faith, and a proposition to exempt all masons from the payment of dues after twenty-five years was vetoed by the committee on jurisprudence.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: W. F. Nichols, Willcox, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. J. Roskrige, Tucson, reelected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1896.

The fifty-seventh annual communication was held at Little Rock, Nov. 17th and 18th, M.: W.: A. G. Washburn, Grand Master. Three hundred and seventy-three lodges represented; four hundred and thirty-nine on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested, one surrendered, and one restored; one lodge defunct. Membership thirteen thousand, two hundred, and sixty-four; loss one hundred and fifty-seven. Receipts \$8,257.75.

An address was delivered by Bro. J. T. Hicks, grand orator, upon cipher rituals; a committee of past grand masters was named to visit Bro. S. W. Williams, past grand master, detained at home by ill health; the Wisconsin relief proposition was not approved; the Maine five year limit of rejections was concurred in; the proper manner of wearing the apron in the several degrees was defined, the fellow craft with the corner turned up instead of the master mason as with us, and in the opinion of your committee Arkansas is right and Minnesota wrong; a college scholarship was accepted, the award to the daughter of a deceased brother to be determined by a voting contest at the next annual session; and an appropriation of \$500 was made towards the deficiency in the current expenses of the temple.

Bro. S. H. Davidson forwarded his usual report on foreign correspondence, in which Minnesota for some reason does not appear.

M.: W.: C. C. Ayers, Ft. Smith, Grand Master; R.: W.: Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. S. H. Davidson, Evening Shade, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1897.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Victoria, June 17th and 18th, M.: W.: Alex. Charleson, Grand Master. Seventeen lodges represented; twenty-four on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership twelve hundred and forty-two, with two lodges not reporting. Receipts \$1,832.50.

The death of Bro. Marcus Wolfe, past grand master and chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, was announced.

The sum of \$314 was contributed by the lodges and forwarded to the sufferers in India; divine service was at-

tended, with sermon by Bro. J. A. Logan, grand chaplain; an address of congratulation to Queen Victoria was adopted; the Wisconsin relief proposition was rejected; and a banquet was tendered by the local lodges.

Bro. W. A. De Wolf Smith submitted the report on foreign correspondence, a well written document, from which we cull the following:

An admirable oration was delivered by Bro. L. R. Barto, grand orator.

Bro. Irving Todd, assistant grand secretary and author of Todd's Digest, is responsible for the report on foreign correspondence. The proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges are reviewed, including British Columbia for 1896.

We may say right here, Bro. Todd, as one of the committee that reported on the Wisconsin proposition, that we had about ten minutes in which to consider the matter, and at casual glance saw nothing objectionable in it. Since then, however, further reading has enlarged our mind, and our vote is now on the other side.

M. W. E. D. McLaren, Vancouver, Grand Master; V. W. J. Quinlan, Victoria, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. De Wolf Smith, New Westminster, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CALIFORNIA, 1896.

The forty-seventh annual communication was held at San Francisco, Oct. 13th to 17th, M. W. E. M. Preston, Grand Master. Two hundred and twenty-eight lodges represented; two hundred and sixty on the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership eighteen thousand, two hundred, and eight; gain seven hundred and seventy-seven. Receipts \$19,925.60.

The following are among the approved decisions:

3. Lodge funds cannot be used either to purchase jewels for retiring officers or to purchase portraits of such officer to ornament the walls of a lodge room.

4. A retiring master has no right to demand or receive from the funds of his lodge any sum whatever in return for his services as installing officer of his successor in office.

11. Masonic emblems must not be printed upon a ball ticket.

19. The act of cremating the body of a deceased mason does not constitute a masonic burial. The performance of the ceremonies of our ritual for burial would not be appropriate on such an occasion.

The grand master announced that the French lodge at Los Angeles had returned its charter to France, and that he had authorized the healing of its members, the happy termination of a local schism.

An application for a dispensation to establish an English speaking lodge in Paris was properly refused as a violation of the law of exclusive jurisdiction.

The reports of the boards of relief show that San Francisco expended \$12,577.47, Los Angeles \$3,442.36, Oakland \$1,790.55, Sacramento \$1,053.46, San Diego \$781.25, and Stockton \$609.75. Four cases were from Minnesota at \$375, \$10 of which has been refunded. Bro. W. R. Dickerson, of Ark No. 176, Minneapolis, and Bro. G. H. Butler, of Sincerity No. 161, Villard, were buried with masonic honors.

Owing to illness the oration of Bro. Jacob Voorsanger was not furnished for publication; the corner stone of the masonic home at Decoto was laid the second day in ample form; the use of the term masonic was prohibited to any one except under the control of the grand lodge, called out by a cemetery association at San Francisco; \$8,900 were appropriated to the six boards of relief; the grand lodges of New Zealand and Victoria were recognized; the Maine jurisdiction proposition was not concurred in; two lodges were permitted to consolidate; the annual appropriation of \$480 to Bro. J. A. Tutt, past grand master, was continued; the lodges were requested to subscribe a per capita tax of \$1 for the benefit of the home, payable quarterly; a committee on ritual was appointed, to revise and restore the work as originally adopted in 1864; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Bro. W. A. Davies submitted another of his excellent reports on correspondence, with the following allusions to Minnesota:

We think there should be provision made for furnishing every affiliated mason with a copy of his grand lodge proceedings, that would satisfy the craving for masonic intelligence and prove the greatest educator of the fraternity.

The report on correspondence is presented by Bro. Irving Todd, who reviews the doings of fifty-five grand lodges in an interesting report of less than one hundred pages. We knew him for a condenser of distinction, but his astringent qualities surprise us. Of course it's good, and that's why he shouldn't shrink it so.

M.: W.: W. T. Lucas, Santa Maria, Grand Master; V.: W.: George Johnson, San Francisco, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. Davies, San Francisco, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

COLORADO, 1897.

The thirty-seventh annual communication was held at Denver, Sept. 21st and 22d, R.: W.: Cromwell Tucker as Grand Master. Eighty-nine lodges represented; ninety-one on the roll. Seventeen past grand masters present, our representative among the number.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested and one annulled. Membership seven thousand, three hundred, and thirty-five; gain seventy-eight. Receipts \$7,214.35.

A message of sympathy was forwarded to the grand master, sick at home.

Among the approved decisions are found the following:

1. No representative to the grand lodge or grand lodge officer traveling on a pass is entitled to mileage.
3. No lodge shall affiliate or admit as a visitor a mason hailing from and made in any lodge chartered by the Gran Dieta of Mexico.
6. So long as a man is physically qualified and of sound mind, he is not debarred by reason of old age from becoming a mason.

An interesting and scholarly oration on the Antiquity of Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. J. W. Johnson, grand orator; the charter of a subordinate lodge was annulled for harboring an expelled mason from Iowa; the finance committee asked for further time to consider the delayed report of the pruning committee; the committee on Washington

memorial reported that the Grand Lodge of Virginia would undoubtedly take charge of the exercises and formulate a suitable programme; the third degree was conferred upon a grandson of the grand tyler, the several stations being filled by past grand masters; a special committee was appointed to visit a worthy brother who had just passed his one hundredth birthday; and a jewel was ordered for the retiring grand master.

An able report on correspondence was again presented by Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, from which we quote the following complimentary paragraphs:

Bro. L. R. Barto, grand orator, delivered an able oration, urging upon the brethren the importance of maintaining the high reputation which masonry has inherited from the past, and especially in embodying its principles in their daily lives.

Bro. Irving Todd condenses a very interesting report on correspondence within the limit of eighty-six pages, in which he summarizes the doings of fifty-seven grand lodges, Colorado for 1896 receiving two pages of his limited space, one of which is given to extracts from our report.

Bro. Greenleaf closes with a digest of decisions, a protest against the publication of unsavory details in appeal cases, another chapter on masonic antiquity, and an ode to Mexican masonry.

M. : W. : Cromwell Tucker, Grand Master; R. : W. : E. C. Parmelee reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of Denver.

CONNECTICUT, 1897.

The one hundred and ninth annual communication was held at New Haven, Jan. 20th and 21st, M. : W. : J. H. Welsh, Grand Master. One hundred and ten lodges represented; one hundred and eleven on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership sixteen thousand, eight hundred, and thirteen; gain one hundred and eighty-one. Receipts \$11,690.45.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. Ephraim Kirby, first grand secretary.

The death of Bro. E. B. Rowe, past grand master, was announced.

The following was among the three approved decisions:

1. A member cannot be dropped from the roll at his own request. He can only be dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues.

The following new legislation was enacted:

Resolved, That any lodge may strike from the roll the name of any brother who has not been heard from the seven preceding years.

The report on correspondence was made by the grand secretary, who devoted four pages to Minnesota. He says:

An eloquent oration on the Spirit of Masoury was delivered by the grand orator, Bro. Robert Forbes. We copy the closing portion.

An interesting report on correspondence is presented by Bro. Irving Todd, which includes the proceedings of fifty-three grand lodges; Connecticut receives favorable notice.

M.: W.: G. A. Kies, Norwich, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Barlow, Hartford, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as committee on masonic correspondence.

DELAWARE, 1897.

The ninety-first annual communication was held at Wilmington, Oct. 6th and 7th, M.: W.: J. P. Lukens, Grand Master. Twenty-one lodges on the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership two thousand, one hundred, and twenty-six; gain forty-nine. Receipts \$1,220.50.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The grand master complained that the cost of the annual dinners had increased from \$99.39 in 1886 to \$275.47 in 1896, and recommended that they be confined in future to members of the grand lodge and their guests from other jurisdictions, which was adopted. Why not cut them off altogether?

The committee on masonic home again reported adversely for financial reasons; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The usual brief report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. L. H. Jackson, who fraternally says:

The craft in Minnesota has felt the depression of the times, but not to any material extent, as the returns show a flattering increase in membership.

Resolutions declaring saloonkeepers and bartenders engaged in the sale of intoxicants ineligible to receive the degrees of masonry were almost unanimously adopted. We congratulate the craft in Minnesota.

The following brief extract is from the closing paragraph of a beautiful oration by Bro. L. R. Barto, grand orator.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the report on correspondence, giving a most judicious and entertaining selection of important information to the brethren of his jurisdiction. Delaware for 1896 is well reviewed.

Much valuable and interesting information concerning masons and masonry in Minnesota was presented in addresses and papers read before the Veteran Association.

Of Mexican masonry he writes:

Happy as we would be to believe that all the difficulties of Mexican masonry have been legitimately adjusted, and the Gran Dieta worthy of recognition, we have not yet reached that state of mind and convincing conclusion that will sanction such a course. Other reasons besides that of its A. and A. S. R. origin weigh with us.

M. W. J. E. Dutton, Seaford, Grand Master; R. W. B. F. Bartram reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. H. Jackson, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; both of Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1896.

At the semi-annual communication in May the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized, and authority given the grand master to permit lodge rooms to be occupied by chapters of the Eastern Star.

The eighty-sixth annual communication was held at Washington, Nov. 11th, M. W. G. W. Baird, Grand Master. Twenty-four lodges represented; twenty-five on the

roll. Ten past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership five thousand, one hundred, and eighteen; gain one hundred and sixty-eight. Receipts, \$4,852.10.

The grand secretary was prevented from attendance by sickness, his first absence since 1875.

The committee on new masonic temple reported in favor of purchasing a site, to be paid for by a per capita tax of fifty cents per month, and the proceedings from 1811 to 1845 inclusive were ordered printed.

At the installation communication the death of Bro. R. W. Best, past grand master, was announced; a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master and a gold watch to the grand lecturer.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by the veteran grand secretary, from which the following paragraph is taken:

The report on correspondence, of eighty-eight pages, was presented by Past Grand Master Irving Todd, in which the District of Columbia for 1894 received a short review of less than a page, quite our share.

Under the head of Virginia he remarks:

We remark that in our fifty-six years' experience in masonry we have been familiar with public installations, and we have never heard of a single instance of any harm resulting therefrom, but, on the contrary, much benefit has grown out of every such occasion. It is a very old custom in masonry, and the objections thereto are modern and are the result of a bigotry which is foreign to the very spirit of masonry.

M.: W.: Matthew Trimble, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. R. Singleton reelected Grand Secretary; both of Washington.

FLORIDA, 1897.

The sixty-eighth annual communication was held at Jacksonville, Jan. 20th and 21st, M.: W.: J. W. Boyd, Grand Master. One hundred and thirty-six lodges represented;

one hundred and fifty-four on the roll. Nine past grand masters present, including our representative.

Three dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered. Membership four thousand, three hundred, and ninety-three; gain fifty-four. Receipts \$7,138.93.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted, giving all past grand masters the right to vote for grand officers; the bonded indebtedness of the grand lodge was reported at \$24,600; the charity box was spread for the relief of a blind brother; an able oration was delivered by Bro. R. H. Weller, grand orator; a gavel made of native wood was presented to the grand master in behalf of an absent brother; the committee on revision of constitution and regulations announced the completion of their work; a jewel was ordered for the retiring grand master; the past master's degree was conferred upon thirty-four masters elect; and the special assessment of fifty cents per capita was continued for five years.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: J. M. Hilliard, Pensacola, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. P. Webster, Jacksonville, reelected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1896.

The one hundred and tenth annual communication was held at Macon, Oct. 27th and 28th, M.: W.: J. P. Shannon, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty-nine lodges represented; four hundred and four on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; one charter forfeited. Membership seventeen thousand, three hundred, and thirty-eight; gain four hundred and seventy-nine. Receipts \$17,338.75.

Fifty-four decisions were reported, of local interest only; an amendment proposing a reduction of mileage to five cents each way was laid upon the table; the grand master was thanked by a rising vote for dispatching the business of the session in two days instead of the customary three,

reducing expenses \$1,200; the salary of the grand secretary was reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,300, with the \$300 for stenographer lopped off; an amendment was adopted prohibiting any representative from drawing more in mileage and per diem than his lodge had paid into the grand lodge treasury; it was resolved that in future no dealer in intoxicating liquors shall be eligible to lodge membership, without affecting the standing of those already members; the expense of laying corner stones was recommended to be paid by those for whom the work is done, it having cost the grand lodge \$172.60 for this item during the year; the grand treasurer and grand secretary were authorized to borrow \$5,180.13 to meet the deficit in current expenses; the committee on foreign correspondence was cut down from three at \$150 to one member at \$50, the report to be printed in the proceedings only; a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master; and the session closed with the ten cents mileage each way remaining intact, although the railroads were thanked for a reduction in rates.

The report on foreign correspondence was the joint work of Bros. W. S. Ramsay, A. Q. Moody, and W. E. Mumford. Of Minnesota the latter says:

The grand master's address was delivered at the afternoon session and covers thirteen pages of the proceedings, and deals with the subjects it treats in a very sensible and business like way. His opening words have the ring of good cheer, and we are glad to copy them because of this.

Devotion to the highest and best interests of womanhood as well as manhood is masonry's cardinal virtue, and our Grand Master of Minnesota recognizes this truth in the rendition of his pointed, brave decision. We only pray that his interpretation of masonic duty in such cases may meet the approval of the craft at large.

It seems that Minnesota masonry has had some trouble with smart Alecks, who would fain go contrary to the beautiful traditions of freemasonry in trying to improve on the wisdom of the ages by the introduction of innovations into the ancient ceremonies. Of this the grand master feelingly and touchingly speaks.

The foreign correspondence covers eighty-eight pages and is written by Bro. Irving Todd, who seems to be a veteran reporter. He devotes a little over a page to Georgia.

M.: W.: J. W. Taylor, Luthersville, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. M. Wolihin, Macon, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. S. Ramsay, Dublin, committee on foreign correspondence.

1897.

The one hundred and eleventh annual communication was held at Macon, Oct. 26th, 27th, and 28th, M.: W.: J. W. Taylor, Grand Master. Three hundred and ninety-eight lodges represented; four hundred and eleven on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; two charters revived and one forfeited. Membership eighteen thousand, one hundred, and eighty-three; gain eight hundred and sixty-six. Receipts \$17,755.75.

The death of Bro. A. M. Wolihin, grand secretary, was announced.

Among the approved decisions we find the following:

1. A mason is not required to divulge the proceedings of the grand jury while serving as such, though a brother be indicted. Masonry should not conflict with the laws of the land.

4. A lodge in Georgia cannot waive jurisdiction to a lodge in Mexico. The Grand Lodge of Georgia does not recognize the Grand Lodge of Mexico.

8. A lodge cannot elect other than one of its members to the office of worshipful master.

Bro. W. A. Wolihin was appointed grand secretary to succeed his deceased father, a commendable selection; memorial services were held for the late grand secretary and a fund started for a monument; an appeal was directed to be made to the civil authorities to reconsider the proposed taxation of all lodges for the past twenty years; the revised constitution was submitted and adopted; a touching letter from Bro. S. D. Irvin, past grand master and a member of the grand lodge for fifty years, was read regretting his inability to be present, and resolutions of sympathy were extended in his affliction; the two committees on charters were consolidated; a committee to consider their financial condition was provided for, to report next year; the holding

of district conventions was recommended; an amendment reducing the mileage one-half failed to receive a two-thirds vote; the request of the Grand Orient of Portugal for recognition was referred to the grand secretary, to report at the next communication; the masters of newly chartered lodges were voted one day's per diem and return mileage; a lease of the masonic temple at \$1,520 per year for ten years, reserving the third story, was reported and approved; the two auditing committees were consolidated; another loan was authorized to meet current expenses, the deficit being caused by the excessive mileage allowed to lodge representatives; the district deputies were constituted exponents of the work; recognition of a grand lodge in Mexico was referred to the grand master, with power to act; thanks were extended to the railroads and hotels for a reduction in rates; and the several lodges, in their discretion, were authorized to hold memorial exercises over their dead, after the burial of the body.

Bro. W. S. Ramsay prepared the report on foreign correspondence alone this year, an improvement upon the previous tripod arrangement, according to our notions. Minnesota is complimented in the following paragraphs:

In his annual address Grand Master Lawless congratulates the craft that in spite of the general depression masonry has flourished; that there has been an increase in membership and signs of prosperity. His address covers nineteen pages, and is a very entertaining paper.

R. W. Bro. L. R. Barto, grand orator, delivered an excellent oration, full of sound sense and practical ideas.

Bro. Irving Todd pleasantly reviewed most of the grand lodges. His report consists of all the most important part of the proceedings, a greater part of which is clipped, but he selects well and comments fairly. His report covers eighty-seven pages. Georgia receives her usual courteous notice and kindly greeting.

The conundrum as to where an entered apprentice can be tried has been answered elsewhere in this report.

The status of Mexican masonry is thus referred to under Colorado:

If these women are clandestine made masons, so are the men, for their lodges exist under the same authority, they passed through

the same ceremonies, received the same secrets, have the same mode of recognition; if one is irregular the other of necessity must be. We have watched the progress of this investigation with a great deal of interest since application was first made to Texas for recognition, and fully agree with Bro. Parvin, of Iowa, in his *expose* of last year.

Under Iowa he becomes a convert to Bro. Parvin's later argument, and adds:

We are now convinced and are willing to extend fraternal recognition to the Dieta.

If Bro. Ramsay intends keeping in line with Bro. Parvin upon this or any other question he will have to step around right lively.

There is a suspicion of doubt, however, expressed under Kansas, for he says:

We were in hopes that Bro. Miller would throw some new light on Mexican masonry, as Kansas had recognized the Gran Dieta last year. He defends the position gallantly in his review of Bro. Robbins, and quotes and commends Bro. Parvin's paper on Mexican Masonry, but the whole matter is left in the same dark shadow that we found it.

M.: W.: J. W. Taylor, Luthersville, reëlected Grand Master; R.: W.: W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary; Bro. W. S. Ramsay, Dublin, committee on foreign correspondence.

IDAHO, 1896.

The twenty-ninth annual communication was held at Boise, Sept. 8th, 9th, and 10th, M.: W.: I. S. Weiler, Grand Master. Twenty-four lodges represented; twenty-seven on the roll. Six past grand masters and our representative present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership eleven hundred and fifty-two; gain sixty-eight. Receipts \$1,403.30.

The portraits are of the grand master and two past grand masters.

The death of Bro. Augustine Haas, grand tyler and first senior grand warden, was announced.

Among the approved decisions appears the following:

3. Must we recognize as a mason's daughter one whose husband is a profane but whose father is a master mason, but living apart from his family? I answered that the relationship of father and daughter never ceased.

The adjustment of a claim of \$102.50 against Nicollet Lodge No. 54, Minnesota, for the relief of a brother with a broken leg, was reported.

The grand master officially announced that the proposed amendment to the constitution depriving past masters of their membership in the grand lodge had been rejected, and that making the deputy grand master an elective instead of appointive officer had been adopted. With one hundred and forty past masters on the roll only nineteen were reported present at the session, but it can be readily understood why a majority of the lodges voted against approval. Sooner or later the pruning process will have to be inaugurated, and the longer it is delayed the more intense the struggle necessarily becomes.

The original tin jewels of Placer Lodge No. 3 were donated to the grand lodge and placed among its archives; the plan of holding a school of instruction prior to the annual communications was adopted in lieu of visitations by the grand lecturer; the attention of sister grand lodges was directed to fraudulent or irresponsible life insurance associations in their jurisdictions bearing the name masonic; a committee man was named upon the proposed Washington memorial; thanks were returned to the Grand Lodge of Hungary for an invitation to their millennium celebration; the subordinate lodges were authorized to observe Memorial Day without dispensation; the grand secretary was instructed to compile the decisions and resolutions in force for publication; the grand lodges of Oklahoma and Victoria were recognized; lodge blanks were ordered to be furnished free of cost; the annual visit to the penitentiary was made; and a reception and banquet was tendered by the local lodge.

The report on foreign correspondence was again prepared by the grand secretary, who observes:

We note with pleasure the attendance of M.: W.: G. H. Davis, past grand master of Idaho.

We most heartily endorse the grand master's pronounced views on masonic politicians, and cannot refrain from clipping.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the report on correspondence, reviewing in his usual excellent style the proceedings of fifty-five grand lodges. Idaho was overlooked.

Not overlooked, but received too late for review that year.

Under Alabama appears the following truthful paragraph:

We are perfectly in accord with his energetic views on the cipher innovation, which menaces the very existence of this ancient and honorable institution. There was a time when masons loved to come together for mutual intellectual and social improvement. At those meetings, held for instruction, minds were directed into those fathomless channels of masonic knowledge, the result being the development of profound students of jurisprudence and the higher perfection of masonic philosophy. The ritual was well learned and thoroughly explained. The art of delivery was fully practiced, in order to attain that polish and smoothness that has charmed the ears of an entire lodge. Now, with this innovation, how is it? The meetings are discontinued, for very few will come. The stated meetings are sparsely attended. Text books remain closed on dusty shelves. The word jurisprudence is scarce heard outside of grand lodge. Why? Because each one has a cipher, and being able to read considers it a waste of time to follow the old plan. With a smattering gained from the infernal thing he imagines he knows all of masonry, and goes on his way, each day becoming less and less indifferent to the glories and beauties of freemasonry. It is a positive fact, brethren, that these keys will sap our life blood if continued.

Bro. E. P. Barnum, of Minnesota, appears in his roll of honor, as among their grand representatives who were found on duty at their posts.

M.: W.: F. G. Mock, Nampa, Grand Master; R.: W.: C. C. Stevenson, Boise, reelected Grand Secretary, and chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

1897.

The thirtieth annual communication was held at Boise, Sept. 14th, 15th, and 16th, M. . W. . F. G. Mock, Grand Master. Twenty-four lodges represented; twenty-nine on the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership eleven hundred and seventy-five; gain twenty-three. Receipts \$2,810.60.

The portraits are of the grand master and two past grand masters.

Bro. Christopher Diehl, of Utah, was an honored visitor; a resolution was adopted requiring all non-affiliates to present their petition and pay lodge dues within six months, or have charges of unmasonic conduct preferred; a communication from Bro. G. H. Davis, past grand master, was read and filed; telegraphic greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Montana; the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; it was decided to have nothing to do with Mexican masonry for the present; the Idaho Monitor was approved; a reception and entertainment was given by the local lodge; an amendment reducing the fees for the degrees from \$50 to \$35 was lost; a practical address was delivered by Bro. W. P. Coulter, grand orator; and a signet ring was presented by the retiring grand master to be handed down to his successors in office.

Bro. C. C. Stevenson submitted his tenth report on foreign correspondence, from which the following extracts are taken:

Our well beloved past grand master, G. H. Davis, was in attendance, and acted as chairman of the committee on deceased brethren.

The learned reviewer and author of Minnesota's digest, Bro. Irving Todd, presented the report on foreign correspondence. He quotes liberally, and gives a very careful resume of the transactions of the various grand bodies. Idaho for 1895 was treated kindly in a short review.

M. . W. . G. M. Waterhouse, Weiser, Grand Master; R. . W. . C. C. Stevenson, Boise, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued at the head of the committee on foreign correspondence.

ILLINOIS, 1897.

The fifty-eighth annual communication was held at Chicago, Oct. 5th, 6th, and 7th, M. W. Owen Scott, Grand Master. Six hundred and ninety-nine lodges represented; seven hundred and thirteen on the roll. Eight past grand masters and our representative present.

Five dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered, one arrested, and one restored; two lodges consolidated. Membership fifty-three thousand, two hundred, and eighty-five; gain seven hundred and seventy-six. Receipts \$43,062.35.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

Among the deaths announced were Bro. J. R. Gorin, past grand master, and two veterans, one of whom had faithfully served his lodge as treasurer for thirty-five and the other for forty-eight years.

It was considered unwise to recommend any plan of life membership; recognition of the Grand Lodge of Egypt was deferred; an eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. W. E. Mason, grand orator and United States senator; Bro. J. C. Postlethwaite, past grand master of Kansas, and Bro. J. A. Ehrhardt, past grand master of Nebraska, were welcomed as visitors; and action upon the Washington memorial was postponed until another session.

The list of grand lodges in the world ordered last year was not forthcoming, probably too great an undertaking.

The report on masonic correspondence was prepared by Bro. Joseph Robbins as heretofore, who writes as easily as he talks. Three pages are allotted to Minnesota, in which he says, among other things:

We copy two of the five decisions submitted by the grand master. * * * The first of these is contrary to general usage; the laws of most jurisdictions provide that the accused shall be tried in a lodge opened in the highest degree to which he has attained. The last (4) we commend for its gospel, as well as its law.

The following was referred to the committee on ancient landmarks (an appropriate reference inasmuch as the resolutions impose tests of eligibility additional to those fixed by the landmarks) reported back without recommendation, taken up, discussed, and, after

an ineffectual attempt to refer it to a special committee for report next year, adopted by a nearly unanimous vote.

The grand lodge listened to an excellent practical address by the grand orator, L. R. Barto.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, by Bro. Irving Todd, whose newspaper training enables him to compress a vast amount of information and mother wit into a limited space.

If Bro. Robbins will consult our Digest he will find that trials are conducted by a committee appointed for that purpose. Our prohibition legislation, well it speaks for itself.

He infers that the Gran Dieta of Mexico is upon the verge of dissolution; notes that the action of a grand master in cases of emergency is generally sustained, prerogative or no prerogative; and scores Bro. Parvin and the Grand Lodge of Iowa soundly for turning tail upon the question of recognizing Mexican masonry.

M.: W.: Edward Cook, Chicago, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. C. Dill, Bloomington, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, committee on correspondence.

INDIANA, 1897.

The seventy-sixth annual communication was held at Indianapolis, May 25th and 26th, M.: W.: S. P. Gillett, Grand Master. Four hundred and seventy-nine lodges represented; four hundred and eighty-three on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; three charters revoked and one suspended. Membership twenty-nine thousand, three hundred, and eighty-seven; gain nine hundred and forty-eight. Receipts \$21,417.07.

The portraits are of the grand master and two past grand masters, with a cut of the hall in Indianapolis, 1848 to 1875.

The following was among the approved decisions:

1. Can a lodge receive the petition of a candidate one month and four days before he is twenty-one years of age; one month later ballot on his case, and, if elected, call a special meeting four days later and initiate him on the occasion of his twenty-first birthday? Yes, but under no circumstances can the first degree be conferred before the candidate is of full age.

While the sentiment is doubtless a very pleasing one, the candidate was not eligible to apply for the degrees, and his petition should not have been received.

The grand secretary announced the proposed publication of a much needed digest; a brother aged ninety years, in arrears to a defunct lodge, was reinstated; the grand master's condemnation of ciphers was approved; amendments permitting dropping from the rolls for non-payment of dues were not adopted; resolutions of sympathy were forwarded to Bro. A. J. Hay, past grand master, not present by reason of illness; the use of the term masonic or of masonic emblems in business was declared a masonic offense; it was officially determined that the battery in opening and closing should begin in the south; the committee on history was abridged to one member, to report next year; a monument was ordered for Bro. Alexander Buckner, their first grand master, with a \$300 appropriation; the per capita tax was reduced to twenty-five cents; the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; a prohibition amendment was turned down by the committee on jurisprudence; the Washington memorial was favorably considered; the right of a grand lodge to revoke commissions which it had not issued was questioned, in the Mississippi case; the Wisconsin relief proposition was again dissented from; the regulations were amended so that a brother suspended for non-payment of dues may restore himself by payment within a year, after which time a majority vote is required, and also requiring a majority vote to restore from expulsion or suspension; the matter of masonic institutes for instruction in the work was referred to the grand master, to report next year; and the status of members of a suspended lodge was declared by the committee on jurisprudence to be master masons in good standing, which is very poor law even for Indiana.

Bro. N. R. Ruckle is the author of the interesting report or correspondence, a new hand at this important post. He is pleased to say:

Bro. Irving Todd presents the report on correspondence. He summarizes admirably, quotes judiciously, states his own opinions with reserve but clearly; argues not at all.

M.: W.: M. J. Niblack, Vincennes, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. N. R. Ruckle, Indianapolis, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1897.

The twenty-fourth annual communication was held at Ardmore, Aug. 10th and 11th, M.: W.: Silas Armstrong, Grand Master. Seventy-two lodges represented; seventy-eight on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Ten dispensations for new lodges. Membership three thousand, one hundred, and seven; gain one hundred and thirty-five. Receipts \$4,308.45.

The grand master announced that fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New York had been resumed by the reappointment of the former representatives, a pleasant solution of the difficulty for which our Indian brethren were not responsible.

The following decision passed the scrutiny of the committee on law and usage:

The widow of a mason who marries one not a mason forfeits all claims upon the order for assistance. The children, however, of a brother mason are entitled to the educational privileges provided under our laws.

The grand secretary reported that he had not prepared a report on correspondence in order to save \$300 for the printing. Did it ever occur to him that seventy-five pages of members' names cost even more than that amount, besides being of no more real benefit to the craft than a reproduction of a few chapters from the first Book of Chronicles?

An amendment to the constitution was adopted prohibiting a public appearance in masonic clothing, except at fu-

nerals and on St. John's Days, without a dispensation; the committee on law and usage recommended that a dispensation be granted for the reception of a petition from a candidate who had lost his left hand, which was very properly rejected.

M. : W. : J. A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. S. Murrow, Atoka, reëlected Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1897.

The fifty-fourth annual communication was held at Oskaloosa, June 1st, 2d, and 3d, M. : W. : G. W. Ball, Grand Master. Four hundred and thirty-eight lodges represented; four hundred and seventy-seven on the roll. Eight past grand masters present.

Five dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered. Membership twenty-seven thousand, four hundred, and eighty-nine; gain four hundred and thirteen. Receipts \$29,022.76.

The portraits are of the grand master, the grand secretary, and a past grand master who died under a cloud.

The death of Bro. Theodore Schreiner, grand tyler for the past thirty-eight years, was announced.

A telegram of sympathy was forwarded to Bro. R. G. Phelps, past grand master, detained at home by illness; the customary local entertainment was provided the first evening; the display of masonic emblems in or about saloons was disapproved of; memorial papers were submitted by select committees upon the deaths of Mrs. T. S. Parvin, wife of the grand secretary, and Mrs. L. C. Blanchard, wife of a past grand treasurer; congratulations were telegraphed to Eagle Lodge No. 12 upon reaching its fiftieth anniversary; the Gran Dieta of Mexico was recognized; the grand master and wardens were authorized to appoint delegates to the international congress in Switzerland, to serve at their own expense; the Wisconsin relief and Maine jurisdiction propositions were rejected; Bro. G. M. Van Leuven, past senior grand warden, was found guilty of unmasonic conduct, and duly reprimanded for the same; several

amendments to the code were adopted, relating chiefly to affiliation and dismission; twelve and a half per cent of the grand lodge income was set apart for the charity fund; a special committee was authorized to ascertain other grand lodge methods of promulgating the ritual; a standing committee of five on Washington memorial was appointed; and the grand secretary directed to forward a congratulatory letter to the Grand Master of England upon the diamond jubilee.

The grand secretary contributed a second paper upon Mexican Masonry based upon a later visit to that country, giving his reasons why the Gran Dieta should be recognized. Bro. Parvin doth protest altogether too much; the argument would be more convincing were it less diffuse and rambling. He also states as a positive fact that the making of women as masons has been prohibited, the charters granted to women lodges revoked, the women masons denied the right of visitation, and the Great Light required upon all lodge altars. This legislation was enacted in August, 1895, but whether it has or ever can be practically enforced is somewhat problematical. Masonry in Mexico is still in a chaotic state, owing to the peculiar conditions of the people, their customs and surroundings. Revolt against established authority is instilled at the mother's breast; it may be subdued, but not wholly eradicated from the present generation at least. A strong arm and determined will is necessary at the head of the institution, that of another Diaz, with time and attention not engrossed by national affairs. Yet it must be conceded that masonry has done and is doing a great work in our sister republic, and the brethren should be encouraged rather than hindered by outside interference in their domestic relations.

We too made our second trip to Mexico in February last; visited Toltec Lodge No. 214, was present at the conferring of the third degree upon two candidates, broke bread at its table, and was most cordially and fraternally welcomed; formed the acquaintance of Bro. A. W. Parsons, master of the lodge and a former resident of Brainerd, in this state, of Bro. W. J. De Gress, its first master, and other

brethren whose names are not now recalled. It was our purpose to learn all that was possible of the situation during a somewhat limited stay in the city. None of the Mexican lodges had a regular meeting while we were there, a great disappointment. The brethren were quite reticent in discussing leading questions, their answers not being as satisfactory as expected or desired. They claimed that the women lodges were similar to our eastern star chapters; that women had been made masons only in irregular or clandestine lodges; that the book of constitutions upon the altars was permissible, not mandatory. This does not agree with Bro. Parvin's previous admissions or our own conclusions formed upon the spot. Further light is awaited with interest.

Bro. J. C. W. Coxe submitted his fifth report on fraternal correspondence, a very interesting and readable document. Of Minnesota he writes:

A phototype of Grand Master J. F. Lawless faces the title page of this pamphlet record from the Gopher State. He appears quite as handsome as when he visited our grand lodge in 1894.

The grand master's deliverance covers nineteen pages in a breezy and entertaining way. We judge that he is not a ward politician, nor in love with the methods of such.

The grand secretary reported in three pages, and we do not detect any sins of omission or commission.

Bro. L. R. Barto, grand orator, "rattled around" (to use his own phrase) in a sensible and practical way in his discourse. We quote from him two stanzas of verse which might well have been the motto of his deliverance.

Bro. Irving Todd, in eighty-seven pages, submits the report on correspondence. Pen and scissors judiciously play their respective parts. The selections are apt and instructive; the condensations and comments incisive and comprehensive. Iowa for 1896 is honored with two and a half pages of notice. He found the portrait of Grand Master Ball, which so many of our brethren missed. His summary of the proceedings is excellent. * * * We freely accord to you, Bro. Todd, the privilege of making that reverse list.

Thanks, Bro. Coxe; we have no taste for padding out statistics.

M.: W.: A. R. Dewey, Washington, Grand Master; R.: W.: T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, Washington, committee on correspondence.

KANSAS, 1897.

A special communication was held at Wichita, Sept. 10th, for the purpose of dedicating their new home with appropriate ceremonies. A cut of the handsome building is given as a frontispiece.

The forty-first annual communication was held at Salina, Feb. 17th and 18th, M.: W.: C. C. Coleman, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy lodges represented; three hundred and fifty-four on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered and one revoked. Membership nineteen thousand, one hundred, and eighty-five; gain four hundred and ten. Receipts \$11,076.55.

The death of Bro. O. A. Bassett, past grand master, was announced.

The following was among the approved decisions:

1. One who is the agent of a non-resident brewing company, and as such is in charge of the warehouse and sale department of his employer, and either directly or indirectly superintends and directs the sale of beer and other intoxicating liquors, in violation of the state laws, cannot lawfully receive the degrees of masonry in this state.

The grand secretary reported progress upon his card register; the amount expended by lodges for charity during the year was stated to be \$9,223.43; the reports of the masonic home show nineteen inmates, but do not give the cost of maintenance; a memorial service was held in honor of Bro. O. A. Bassett; an able oration was delivered by Bro. J. D. Milliken, grand orator; the board of inspectors of their mutual benefit society submitted a flattering report of that institution; the Maine proposition was not concurred in; and an apron was presented to the retiring grand master.

The report on correspondence, and a good one too, was prepared by Bro. M. M. Miller. We trust it is not his last. Of Minnesota he kindly says:

There is little in the report of proceedings of the communication of a general character to note further than the excellent address of the grand orator, the Rev. Robert Forbes, on the topic, *The Spirit of Masonry*, which is well worth the careful reading and study of the craft.

The fraternal greetings between the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota we have already referred to under the former. It is a pleasure to note the spirit of perfect concord between brethren on each side of the line, and to realize and believe that though there may be rumors of wars and possibly wars, yet while masonry exists, notwithstanding either, the spirit of brotherly love will manifest itself in endeavors to promote the arts and purposes of peace.

The report on correspondence, by Bro. Irving Todd, reviews Kansas for 1895, briefly, wisely, and well; the Kansas report on correspondence is pronounced a very creditable production, and quotations are made from it. We do not find any "peg to put our hat on" in Bro. T.'s report.

The last thirty-nine pages of the Minnesota volume are taken up with proceedings of the fourth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota. President G. R. Metcalf delivered a very interesting address, containing much valuable information. * * * President Metcalf pays the writer the compliment of taking for a part of his address a portion of our 1895 review.

The interesting review closes with an article upon Mexican Masonry, largely made up of extracts.

M.: W.: W. M. Shaver, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. K. Wilson reelected Grand Secretary; both of Topeka. Bro. J. C. Postlethwaite, Jewell City, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

KENTUCKY, 1897.

The ninety-eighth annual communication was held at Louisville, Oct. 19th, 20th, and 21st, M.: W.: R. F. Peak, Grand Master. Four hundred and twenty-six lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-seven on the roll. Fifteen past grand masters present.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; four charters surrendered and three arrested. Membership eighteen thousand, four hundred, and sixty-four; gain ninety-seven. Receipts \$18,108.35.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The deaths of Bro. E. S. Fitch and Bro. M. J. Williams, past grand masters, were announced.

The following were among the approved decisions:

1. In reference to speeches nominating candidates, 'it is my opinion, and I so decide, that article fifteen of the constitution not only prohibits one who is a candidate for office from electioneering for himself, but prohibits electioneering by any member of the lodge for any one else. Officers should not be elected through favoritism, but on account of merit. This is the only construction of said article that will prevent a species of politics from entering masonry.

2. One who petitions a lodge for membership must be recommended by members of the lodge he petitions.

4. The religious belief of a candidate for masonry is not a subject for inquiry touching his fitness to become a mason. "If his trust is in God his faith is well founded."

The Ohio plan seems to have spread across the river, for the grand master observes:

I have visited a number of lodges and witnessed the work in all the degrees. It is unnecessary to report in detail. To my surprise the officers of many lodges, the masters not excepted, used (***), and frequently consulted them while at work. This leads me to earnestly recommend specific legislation with reference to same, or the enforcement of existing regulations.

The committee on jurisprudence passed upon the matter as follows:

With reference to the report of the grand master in regard to the aids used by sundry officers in subordinate lodges in conferring degrees, your committee is of the opinion that such conduct is entirely contrary to law. It has been declared a masonic offense by this grand lodge, and a strict enforcement of existing law will be sufficient to put a stop to it. Regulation seventy-three is emphatic upon this subject.

The committee on library reported that the grand secretary was preparing a catalogue; a memorial page was ordered for Mrs. Susan P. Hepburn, a friend of their home; the centennial committee reported that \$30,250 had been subscribed towards the endowment of their home, an in-

crease of only \$5,250 during the year; an amendment was adopted providing for the trial of a master by a commission of three past masters; a fund of about \$500, contributed toward a monument for Bro. Hiram Bassett, past grand master, was turned over as an endowment to the home, the income to be devoted to an annual prize for scholarship and deportment; the mileage was reduced from four to three cents per mile each way, the saving to be turned over to the home; Bro. Frederic Speed, of Mississippi, was duly received as a visitor; and an offering of \$70.32 was collected for a treat to the children of the home.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. W. W. Clarke, a well prepared paper, from which the following paragraphs are reproduced:

The grand master, as part of an able address, submitted only five decisions.

We entertain some doubt whether the resolutions [intoxicating liquor] adopted are contained in the general proposition constituting the first clause of the preamble.

The following resolution [masonic insurance, etc.], wise and salutary, we think, was submitted, and action thereon postponed until the next annual communication.

Bro. Irving Todd is the author of the excellent report on correspondence. He quotes two decisions of Grand Master Gerard, as follows: * * * This writer not only admits that the first decision is, in his opinion, erroneous, and he used his best efforts to prevent its approval, but he sees nothing reprehensible in it. If he understands the English language, the word reprehensible carries with it the imputation of blameworthiness, and no one who knows Grand Master Gerard would impute to him an intentionally wrongful act, either as a mason or a man—*sans peur et sans reproche*. It is a little difficult to traverse an allegation until you know just what is alleged. Therefore, as to the second decision quoted, and so vigorously excepted to, will Bro. Todd do us the favor to quote the undisputed landmark the violation of which he asserts? We wait.

The word reprehensible was applied to the rulings themselves and not to the grand master, for whom we have none other than the kindest feelings. Bro. Clarke admits that the first is erroneous; the second is still more objectionable as involving the secrecy of the ballot. We referred, of

course, to the ancient regulation (VI.) at the entering of a brother, but are not going into the discussion of landmarks just at present. Spring that subject on some of the younger fellows. The decision is based upon an anomalous provision of their constitution, adopted in 1847, as follows:

ARTICLE L.

In balloting, if more than one negative appear, the balloting shall cease, and the candidate be declared rejected; but if, on the first ballot, one negative only appear, a second ballot shall immediately take place; and if, on the second ballot, a negative still appear, no further ballot shall be taken for one year thereafter, unless by the second regular meeting thereafter, the member opposing shall voluntarily withdraw his objections in open lodge.

This is retained in their revised constitution, with some changes in phraseology. The following additional legislation is also noted:

Should any brother disclose the vote given by him upon the initiation, passing, or raising of an applicant, or on a petition for membership, except as provided for in the constitution, or institute inquiry as to how any other brother may have voted, the brother so offending shall be cited to appear before the lodge for trial upon charges; and if convicted, shall be suspended or expelled as the lodge may determine.—*Proceedings of 1868*, p. 68.

Although a brother cannot be arraigned for casting a black ball, yet he may be for confessing that he cast it, because that would violate the essential secrecy of the ballot-box; and should his confession show the motive that prompted the black ball, he stands in the worst position before the lodge.—*Proceedings of 1877*, p. 64.

The decision referred to provides:

Moreover, the brother must at the same time declare that he cast the black ball.

It is hardly conceivable that the proposer of the constitutional amendment in 1846 had the slightest idea that objections would be withdrawn in this unusual manner.

M.: W.: R. H. Thompson, Grand Master; R.: W.: H. B. Grant reelected Grand Secretary; both of Louisville; Bro. W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

LOUISIANA, 1897.

The eighty-fifth annual communication was held at New Orleans, Feb. 8th, 9th, and 10th, M.: W.: A. G. Brice, Grand Master. Seventy-four lodges represented; one hundred and twenty-nine on the roll. Seven past grand masters present, including our representative.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership five thousand; three hundred, and sixty-three; gain seventeen. Receipts \$18,357.65.

The death of Bro. A. G. Norwood, past grand master, was announced.

The Louisiana Relief Lodge expended \$900.20 during the year; the indigent home committee was granted further time to draft a charter; the offer of the committee on work to prepare a monitor was accepted; and a testimonial was presented to Bro. S. M. Todd, past grand master, on the fiftieth anniversary of his membership in the fraternity.

Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows devotes nearly two pages of his report on foreign correspondence to extracts from the proceedings of our veteran association, "as showing another phase of the social feature in freemasonry, and as an example worthy of imitation."

M.: W.: A. G. Brice, Grand Master, and R.: W.: Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of New Orleans.

MAINE, 1897.

The seventy-eighth annual communication was held at Portland, May 4th, 5th, and 6th, M.: W.: A. B. Farnham, Grand Master. One hundred and seventy-six lodges represented; one hundred and ninety-two on the roll. Eleven past grand masters and our representative present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership twenty-two thousand and eighty-five; gain one hundred and thirty-two. Receipts \$6,311.53.

Greetings were exchanged by wire with the Grand Lodge of Michigan; the permanent members were allowed per diem and mileage; and the charity fund was reported at \$31,458.95.

Bro. J. H. Drummond prepared his report on foreign correspondence while mourning the loss of a favorite daughter; in his grievous affliction he has the sympathy of the entire craft wherever dispersed. From the four pages given to Minnesota the following paragraphs are reproduced:

Bro. L. Z. Rogers is our representative, and, though unable to be present, he transmitted the resolutions of our grand lodge to the grand master, who presented them. A message of sympathy was sent to him. We trust that ere this he has fully recovered.

We do not quite understand what the committee mean by "perpetual jurisdiction, either limited or unlimited." We can only infer that a rejection in Minnesota means nothing, and that a rejected candidate stands just as well as any other profane. The statistics of returns do not give rejections, and it looks as if no return of them is made. We do not like to believe, however, that our inference is correct.

The grand orator, Bro. L. R. Barto, delivered an excellent, practical address, from which we take the following, trusting that his listeners fully appreciated it.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Thomas Montgomery. It is a terse, but very comprehensive, resume of the proceedings reviewed.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association comprise fifty-six pages, and they are very valuable and interesting. * * * The address of the president, G. R. Metcalf, was a most interesting account of The Early Masons of St. Paul. The other speeches were of a historical character, the whole making a most valuable contribution to the history of masonry in that state.

Before his kind words were penned Bro. L. Z. Rogers had gone over to the majority.

The committee evidently intended the term limited to apply to the Maine proposition of five years, which is not in accord with our practice. As a petition must state whether or not a previous application has been made elsewhere, the inference that a rejected candidate is upon an equal footing with any other profane is not correct.

Bro. Drummond probably had the grand chapter in mind

when he ascribed our report to Bro. Montgomery. We are pleased, however, to know that it met with his approval.

He holds that the installing officer may lawfully refuse to induct an unfit person into office; that the making of masons at sight is an old usage, only recently abolished so far as lodges are concerned; that a rejected candidate actually stands better in California than a good mason holding a dimit; that in a majority of the grand lodges which have abandoned the representative system the fault lay with individuals rather than the system itself; that the public appearance at funerals, laying of corner stones, etc., is not done to advertise masonry; that every member of a lodge has a right to know how many black balls were cast at a ballot, in which we concur; that territorial jurisdiction is of modern enactment, designed to prevent the admission of unworthy members; that all applications for waiver of jurisdiction should pass through the hands of the grand master; that ciphers are a necessary evil; that when he was made a mason it was absolutely necessary that every brother should own a monitor and become familiar with its contents; that the exclusive use of lodge halls is not found in the old laws or usages; that a past master's jewel must be of silver only; and that it is unwise for a grand lodge to maintain and care for a general library.

Biographies of two early Portland masons and a cut of their tombs are given in the appendices.

M. : W. : J. A. Locke, Grand Master; R. : W. : Stephen Berry reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. H. Drummond, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Portland.

MANITOBA, 1897.

The twenty-second annual communication was held at Winnipeg, June 9th and 10th, M. : W. : Corbet Locke, Grand Master. Forty-three lodges represented; fifty-seven on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership two thousand, six hundred, and forty-one; gain two hundred and two. Receipts \$2,828.26.

The death of Bro. J. H. Bell, past grand master and past grand secretary, was announced.

The following pertinent comment is taken from the grand master's address:

Before leaving this subject may I say to you that I have many times in my life been struck, not only as touching the obsequies of distinguished masons, but of others great and small in public life, when listening to or reading of the magnificent funeral orations, the flights of fancy and eloquent depicting of the life and doings of the deceased, words often, dare I say it, empty words of adulation showered upon the poor clay, for what? to please the living? to glorify the orator? Certainly of no benefit to the dead; how better far would it be if while breath was in that body, while he was moving around and among us as a living reality, we had then said to him those kind words now so lavishly outpoured on his insensate clay, and done for him those kind acts which the possessor of such a character so richly merited.

In the report of the librarian is found the following acknowledgment:

The library is still in receipt of valuable publications from the Hon. Knute Nelson, United States senator from Minnesota, which includes The Congressional Record containing the debates of the senate and house of representatives of the United States. Special thanks are due to Mr. Nelson for the interest he has taken in our library.

M. W. J. F. Lawless, Grand Master of Minnesota, received a most cordial welcome as a visitor; a handsome chain collar was presented to Bro. C. N. Bell, past grand master; it was held that the constitutional prohibition of dual membership did not apply to those having affiliations in other jurisdictions; the Wisconsin relief proposition was not indorsed; thanks for use of regalia were tendered to a local lodge; the matter of a masonic home was referred to the board of general purposes, to report next year; ten brethren were invested with the rank of past district deputy grand master; and an address of congratulation was forwarded to Queen Victoria.

M. W. Thomas Robinson, Grand Master; R. W. W. G. Scott reelected Grand Secretary; both of Winnipeg.

MARYLAND, 1896.

The semi-annual communication was held at Baltimore, May 2d, M.: W.: T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. Four dispensations for new lodges were reported and charters granted.

The portrait is that of Bro. W. H. Shryock, past grand treasurer.

The one hundred and tenth annual communication was held at Baltimore, Nov. 17th and 18th, M.: W.: T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. Ninety-six lodges represented; one hundred on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

Membership seven thousand, three hundred and ten; gain four hundred and eighteen. Receipts \$16,087.28.

The grand master reported that a masonic bowl of great antiquity, presented by Bro. George Washington to a member of the craft, had been turned over to the veteran association for safe keeping.

The Maine proposition was laid over a year, and a gold medal presented to Bro. W. H. Shryock, the retiring grand treasurer.

Bro. E. T. Schultz submitted his tenth report on foreign correspondence, which is fully up to the standard of that able and painstaking writer. He says:

We can only repeat that the correctness of our rendering of the word *congregate* in the old regulation (Anderson's) has only been denied by himself and Bro. Drummond. If there are any others who have done so we will be gratified if Bro. Todd will give us their names.

Candidly, Bro. Schultz, our interest in the premises has not been sufficient to now recall the names of those who have or have not expressed themselves upon the subject. He must admit, however, that we are found in good company.

The review of Minnesota concludes with the following pleasant paragraph:

The proceedings of the fourth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota are published in an appendix.

It includes able and interesting addresses by the president, Bro. G. R. Metcalf, and others. The address of the president is interesting and instructive.

Under the head of Iowa he gives the following sound view of the grand master's prerogative to make a mason at sight:

The right of grand masters to exercise such a power is, in our opinion, unquestionable, and there are times and occasions when the exercise of the power would redound to the honor of both the fraternity and the recipient.

Under Maine the lodge opening controversy is renewed, Bro. Schultz still insisting upon his modern rendering of a masonic term venerable enough to be included among the landmarks. It would be quite an undertaking to state positively just how many grand lodges in the United States have departed from the old regulation in providing for the absence of master and wardens from lodge meetings, neither would the collation have any material bearing upon the point at issue.

In this connection the following extract from Gould's *History of Freemasonry* (vol. iii., p. 88) will be found of interest:

It is singular, however, that in those of Mother Kilwinning, where the practice was, in the absence of the deacon or master, to place in the chair, with full authority, some brother present—not in any one case, for more than a hundred years, do we find the warden, by virtue of ranking next after the master, to have presided over the lodge.

According to Dr. Anderson the following new regulation was agreed to by the Grand Lodge of England, Nov. 25th, 1723:

That in the master's absence the senior warden of a lodge shall fill the chair, even tho' a former master be present.

As Dermott's Ahiman Rezon was substantially copied from Anderson, it is not at all singular that our early grand bodies, growing out of army lodges under the obedience of

the Ancients, should have preserved many of the traditional customs in their first constitutions. The innovation is clearly of comparatively recent origin.

In an interesting chapter upon the public grand honors, under Ohio, Bro. Schultz points out "how easily it is to make innovations upon established usages and customs." He adds:

But, unless we are prepared to substitute something else for everything in masonry, the true significance of which we do not fully understand, we should hold fast to all the old forms, usages, and ceremonies as they have come down to us from the misty past, for, if the entering wedge of innovation be permitted, who can tell where or in what it will end?

Concurring fully in the above proposition, we hold that a lodge may be lawfully opened in the absence of the master and wardens under the authority of ancient usage, and that any proviso to the contrary is wholly uncalled for, unnecessary, and conceived in the up to date notion of regulating masonic procedure exclusively by statute. The power of a master to congregate his lodge is now limited by the by-laws, which fix the time and place of holding regular meetings. There is some excuse for this change, but none whatever for the other.

M.: W.: T. J. Shryock, Grand Master, and R.: W.: J. H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. E. T. Schultz, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1896.

At the March quarterly a portrait of Bro. O. E. Weld, past grand master, was donated to the grand lodge; a jewel was presented to Bro. C. C. Dame, the senior past grand master, in behalf of his lodge; an amendment to their act of incorporation was accepted; several amendments to the constitution were adopted; and the new masonic apartments were dedicated, with an interesting and valuable historical address by the grand master.

At the June quarterly another contribution of \$5,000 for the charity fund was received from Bro. J. H. Collamore; the committee on music reported against its excessive use

in the conferring of degrees; and the costuming of the fellow crafts was ordered discontinued.

At the September quarterly Bro. J. W. Laurie, past grand master of Nova Scotia, was a visitor; the death of Bro. L. R. Paige, past deputy grand master and the senior permanent member of the grand lodge, was announced, his portrait facing the title page; and the delegation to the Hungarian festival submitted an interesting account of their visit to Budapest and the dedication of the masonic palace in that city.

The annual communication was held at Boston, Dec. 9th, M.: W.: E. B. Holmes, Grand Master. One hundred and eighty-seven lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-four on the roll; five past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership thirty-seven thousand, four hundred, and sixty; gain fifteen hundred and forty-seven. Receipts \$38,461.39.

Among the deaths announced was that of Bro. J. H. Colamore, the most liberal patron of masonry in that jurisdiction.

The four lodges in Chile reported a membership of two hundred and thirty-seven and one in China of sixty-six; the grand charity fund was stated at \$114,863.58; an attack of cerneauism in a subordinate lodge was promptly and effectually squelched by the grand master; the Lodge of St. Andrew increased its special charity fund by a cheque of \$500; and the committee on the Maine jurisdiction proposition recommended a constitutional amendment limiting the time to five years.

A stated communication was held on St. John's Day, with installation of grand officers, the presentation of a jewel to the retiring grand master, and the celebration of the annual feast.

Portraits of Bro. B. A. Gould and Bro. E. B. Holmes are given in the body of the proceedings.

Eleven special communications were held during the year, six of which were centennial celebrations of subordinate lodges.

M.: W.: C. C. Hutchinson, Lowell, Grand Master; R.: W.: S. D. Nickerson, Cambridge, reelected Recording Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1897.

The fifty-third annual communication was held at Saginaw, Jan. 26th and 27th, M.: W.: J. J. Carton, Grand Master. Three hundred and seventy lodges represented; three hundred and seventy-eight on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership thirty-eight thousand, six hundred, and sixty-eight; gain nine hundred and sixty-two. Receipts \$14,400.39.

The deaths of Bro. G. E. Dowling and Bro. R. C. Hathaway, past grand masters, and Bro. Alexander McGregor, grand tyler since 1872, were announced. Their portraits and that of the grand master appear in appropriate places.

The following were among the thirty-seven approved decisions:

13. We have a brother who was initiated an entered apprentice in our lodge in 1890. Since that time he has lost one of his arms. He now wants to take the two remaining degrees and become a master mason. Can you grant us a dispensation to confer them upon him? Under the facts above stated the brother is disqualified from receiving any further degrees, and I have no power to grant you a dispensation to confer them upon him.

24. A member of our lodge took the petition of a clergyman for initiation, accompanied by the usual fee, with the understanding that the fee should be returned after the degree was conferred. Have we a right to return him his money under such circumstances? No. It should not be paid to him except as a matter of charity. The law makes no difference between clergymen and lay brothers, so far as the payment of fees into the lodge is concerned.

35. A resident of our city who had but one arm went to Scotland in an official capacity. While there he was made a mason in one of the lodges. He has now returned. Have I the right to permit him to visit our lodge? We recognize the Grand Lodge of Scotland as a regular masonic body, and if by a proper examination you become satisfied that he is a master mason in good standing in a regularly constituted lodge, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, then you would have a right to permit him to visit your lodge.

No. 24 is all right; Nos. 13 and 35 all wrong.

A brother should not be deprived of his right to advancement through misfortune.

A profane with only one arm is not eligible in any country where the ancient landmarks are complied with. If he receives the degrees irregularly then he is an irregularly made mason, with no claims upon the fraternity whatever.

According to the above rulings the disabled entered apprentice has no recourse but to visit Scotland for passing and raising. The disabled official would undoubtedly recommend the application.

It is probably safe to say that nine out of ten who obtain the degrees outside of the jurisdiction in which they live could not pass the scrutiny of the ballot at home where they are best known. The surest way to stop this reprehensible practice is to refuse recognition upon their return.

The committee on jurisprudence devoted a page of small type to a quibble over the actual residence of a person attending school in Michigan, with not a word concerning two of the rankest decisions of the year. Where was Metcalf and McCurdy and Conover when its report was submitted for approval?

The generous treatment of a disabled brother by the fraternity of Liverpool, England, was reported and due acknowledgments returned; a telegram of sympathy was forwarded to a past grand master detained at home by an accident; the controversy over the masonic home was happily ended by the acceptance of the property, in connection with the other grand bodies; the revised monitor was submitted by the committee and adopted; a number of amendments to the grand lodge regulations were carried, the most important being one permitting lodges to declare the office of secretary or treasurer vacant in case of absence or inability, filling the stations by a new election, and another prohibiting the use of masonic emblems in private business; the use of lodge rooms was extended to chapters of the Eastern Star; it was recommended that fraternal intercourse be discontinued with grand bodies recognizing the Grand Orient of Spain; the Wisconsin relief proposition was not indorsed; lodge representatives living three hundred miles away were allowed one extra per diem; a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master; and resolutions of condolence were tendered two past grand masters in the loss of their wives.

A number of special communications were held during the year for laying corner stones, dedicating halls, etc.

There was no report on foreign correspondence; the space being devoted to the new monitor and the revised compilation of the law.

M.: W.: L. B. Winsor, Reed City, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. S. Conover, Coldwater, reelected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1897.

The seventy-ninth annual communication was held at Biloxi, Feb. 11th and 12th, M.: W.: J. F. McCool, Grand Master. Two hundred and twenty-nine lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-seven on the roll. Twelve past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Five dispensations for new lodges; two lodges consolidated; two charters surrendered and four forfeited. Membership nine thousand, one hundred, and ten; gain one hundred and seventy-nine. Receipts \$6,455.11.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The law committee reported the usual formidable batch of decisions; the arrest and conviction of A. M. Petty, a notorious masonic deadbeat and swindler, was announced by the grand secretary; four veterans were voted life members of the grand lodge for long and faithful service; vacancies in the office of grand representatives not in attendance at the sessions of their grand lodge for two years were declared; the Maine jurisdiction proposition was accepted conditionally and the Wisconsin relief proposition rejected; and a number of special dispensations to confer degrees out of time were not approved by the committee on masonic law and jurisprudence.

The report on foreign correspondence comes from the practical pen of Bro. A. H. Barkley, who is pleased to say:

Bro. Irving Todd lays before the craft of his own grand lodge another of his admirable reports. Its fresh thoughts, bright gems, and sound wisdom commend it to the study of the masonic student. An unyielding devotion to the great principles of freemasonry characterizes all his writings, and it is safe to follow where he leads.

We committed a slight mistake for two years in giving to our brother the title of past grand master. We were then, and are still, of the opinion that the title was his by right, and now, without asking the advice of any one, we simply say that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota would do honor to itself by making Bro. Todd Grand master at its next annual grand communication.

These kindly sentiments are all the more appreciated from the fact that Bro. Barkley and the writer have never met, and only know each other through the medium of the printed page.

In commenting upon Bro. Montgomery's circular for 1897 he says:

The grand lodge and brethren of our own grand jurisdiction will have to move up in this matter or our Minnesota brethren will out-distance us in this good work of providing a home for the needy ones.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has no intention of building a masonic home, for the simple reason that its present method of affording relief is believed to be the better adapted to the needs of the jurisdiction. We are doing a maximum of good at a minimum cost, with nothing to gain and everything to lose by the change to a vastly more expensive system. Should our Mississippi brethren finally conclude that they are unable to build and maintain a home, let them investigate the Minnesota plan.

M.: W.: J. S. Cobb, Verona, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. L. Power, Jackson, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. H. Barkley, Crawford, correspondence reporter.

MISSOURI, 1897.

The seventy-seventh annual communication was held at St. Louis, Oct. 19th, 20th, and 21st, M.: W.: D. A. Jamison, Grand Master. Three hundred and twelve lodges represented; five hundred and fifty-seven on the roll. Seventeen past grand masters and our representative present.

Five dispensations for new lodges; five charters arrested and two surrendered. Membership thirty thousand, six hundred, and sixteen, with eight lodges not reporting. Receipts \$30,610.33.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The deaths of Bro. S. H. Saunders and Bro. G. R. Hunt, past grand masters, were announced.

Recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico being strongly urged in the address, the matter was referred to a special committee of five, to report next year; among the commissions issued was one to Bro. J. F. Lawless as their representative near this grand lodge; the board of relief at St. Louis reported disbursements of \$9 on account of Minnesota, \$8.50 of which has been refunded; a committee was appointed to secure portraits and biographies of past grand masters, secretaries, and treasurers for publication in 1899; memorial services were held for their honored dead; the committee on jurisprudence held that the daughter of a master mason, although married to a profane, is entitled to recognition; and a committee on ritual was appointed to revise the work.

The officers of the masonic home report the completion of the new dormitory, costing \$27,705.46; repairs and improvements to the old buildings, \$1,532.59; Eastern Star chapel, \$3,500; heating plant, \$3,331.83; current expenses, \$16,651.17. There are one hundred and twenty-four inmates.

The report on correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary as heretofore, with three pages appropriated to Minnesota, from which the following are taken:

The best thing done by the grand lodge while in session was its action respecting saloon-keepers and bar-tenders. Resolutions were introduced declaring all such ineligible to the degrees of masonry. They were referred to the committee on ancient landmarks. Subsequently said committee reported the matter back to the grand lodge without recommendation, and still later the grand lodge took up the resolutions and discussed them at some length. An attempt was made to postpone consideration of the subject for another year; that motion was lost. Upon final test, according to the secretary's record, "The resolutions were severally adopted by an almost unanimous vote." This kind of legislation is in keeping with the true spirit of freemasonry and the stalwart character of the fraternity in the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. I hail that grand jurisdiction as another accession to the ranks of reform, at the head of which Missouri stands preëminent. The leaven of pure morality is working steadily, and has been through the passing years. The time is within sight, to a prophetic eye, when no liquor seller who keeps a murder mill need apply at the doors of freemasonry. The business is immoral, vicious, and productive only of most dire results.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted the annual report, covering eighty-six pages, in which he reviewed briefly the proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges. The report is well filled with extracts from the journals examined, followed by occasionally pertinent reflections. * * * Missouri for 1896 was fraternally treated, and received the compliment of a three-paged notice, in which he gathered a complete summary of our transactions.

Bro. Vincil takes exceptions to our entered apprentice decision, which he probably would not have done if familiar with the mode of trials in this jurisdiction. See Digest, p. 96.

He objects to recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico because it is a general grand lodge, for which he has no use; that it is a mass of conflicting and disturbing elements, possessing in themselves the forces of destruction. Being a member of the special committee, it is not likely to agree upon a favorable report.

Under the head of New Hampshire he refers to their former lodge in Mexico as follows:

Had I known what I know now, I should have opposed the suggestion to Toltec Lodge to receive the charter from the existing masonic authority. The true remedy would have been to have revoked the charter and prevented conflict of authority, making amends for our mistake in originally planting a lodge in that country.

The following reference to the inner workings of the home is given under New York:

We had one case where a lodge recommended a member for admission into our home, certifying in the report that he was in destitute circumstances, without friends or means of support; of course he was received. Subsequently we learned that he had brought with him a considerable sum of money which was on deposit in one of our city banks, besides being the owner of realty from which he derived an annual income. On making such discovery we returned the brother to his lodge with a just, earnest rebuke never again to impose upon the masonic home by such misrepresentation.

M.: W.: F. J. Tygard, Butler, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. D. Vincil, St. Louis, reelected Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1897.

The thirty-third annual communication was held at Helena, Sept. 15th and 16th, M.: W.: C. H. Gould, Grand Master. Forty lodges represented; forty-two on the roll. Nine past grand masters present.

Two lodges consolidated. Membership two thousand, seven hundred, and six; gain eighty. Receipts \$3,951.50.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The death of Bro. John Stedman, past grand master, was announced.

The Maine proposition was not adopted; the grand secretary was instructed to provide suitable badges at all future meetings; greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Idaho, then in session; the master of a lodge under dispensation was held not to be a past master under their constitution, although he was regularly installed after the charter was granted; a constitutional amendment was adopted permitting a lodge under dispensation to continue work until duly constituted under its charter, which is not good law; proficiency in the third degree was required, with the usual examination; the mileage was restricted to the distance actually traveled; the Grand Lodge of Tasmania and the Grand Orient of Greece and Italy were recognized; a book of lodge seals was ordered to be kept by the grand secretary; the signet ring was turned over to the grand master elect; a testimonial was voted the grand secretary, it being the silver anniversary of his election to that office; sympathies were extended to Bro. J. R. Boyce, past grand master, in his sickness; and a testimonial was ordered for the retiring grand master.

A note explains that the modest lunch provided fell very little short of the former banquets, so that no one had reason to complain, unless he was absent.

In his report on fraternal correspondence the grand secretary is highly complimentary to Minnesota, the following paragraphs being a fair sample:

It is just a month ago, on Jan. 14th, 1897, that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota closed its forty-fourth annual communication. The

Pioneer Press and Bro. Montgomery are entitled to great credit and congratulations on the promptness and excellence of their work, bringing the first fruits of the new year. An excellent picture of the grand master faces the title page, indicative of anything but a Lawless individual that his name would indicate.

The many duties devolving upon a grand master in a large, active jurisdiction fell to the lot of Bro. Lawless, and none of them were neglected. He closes a very creditable address with tributes of respect to the memory of the recent dead, including two past grand junior wardens, Smith and Edgerton, noticed with greater fullness and with interesting details of useful and honored lives.

Bro. Grand Secretary Montgomery opens his report with reminiscences and comparative statements drawn from twenty years' connection with his office, twelve years with Bro. Pierson and eight years as his successor. His work on the register and its index are up to date, and removal to a new and more commodious office has given him more work and much satisfaction.

The work of the custodians is noteworthy in this, that for two years past they have expended less than half their appropriations, yet there is no complaint of their neglect of duty, and they exemplified the work before grand lodge at the evening session.

The ancient landmark committee gave a clean bill of health to all the official acts and decisions of the grand master. We have some curiosity to see their catalogue of ancient landmarks. The committee was non-committal on the resolutions debarring liquor sellers from admission. They were adopted, however, by nearly an unanimous vote; another evidence that the world moves, and masonry with it.

The appendix to this volume is a storehouse of good things. First comes an oration by Bro. L. R. Barto, tracing the evolution of masonry out of the mist and chaos of tradition, and through an operative to a speculative organization.

Bro. Montgomery has in Appendix J given a table showing from his registry for each lodge the number that have joined and been raised since organization, and accounts for all losses from any cause. It shows that the present membership is little less than half the enrollment; four thousand, six hundred, and sixty-six have been stricken from the roll, and two thousand, six hundred, and forty-four have died. It is a valuable table, and the subject for careful study.

Bro. Irving Todd, as superintendent of the correspondence department, gives his readers the condensed cream of the proceedings prepared for easy digestion. Montana fares well at his hands. Speaking of our failure to render Burns' Adieu at the close, he thinks the omission of the usual banquet had something of a depressing effect. He is therein mistaken, but it is all owing to the loss of our Scotch minstrel, Past Grand Master Duncan, whose light is extinguished and his voice is hushed in death. We used to

enjoy his singing so much that grand lodge voted that this song should be sung at the close of every annual communication, but no one has been found to supply the spirit that goes with the words. Perhaps we shall keep on trying, as did the old lady who was recommended to hold a swallow of brandy in a hollow aching tooth. Our brother does one part of his work to perfection, but he does not give us enough Todd.

Annexed to this volume are the proceedings of the veteran association, which well sustains the reputation and expectations raised by former issues. The present issue is enriched with pictures of C. K. Smith, first secretary of Minnesota Territory, and a prominent actor in the early introduction and planting of masonry in St. Paul, and another recalls and preserves the features of C. P. Scott, the first mason made in Minnesota. Much biographical and historical matter is added from the ancient quarries, of permanent value and great interest. Under Bro. Metcalf's inspiration the organization is fast assuming the character of a masonic historical society. There are two hundred and seventeen active and twenty-one honorary members, and the admission fee of \$5 affords the needed means to publish and preserve its gathered material. May others follow in the course marked out, and gather into our archives the treasures going to waste in reckless profusion.

M.: W.: E. C. Day, Grand Master; R.: W.: Cornelius Hedges reflected Grand Secretary and continued as chairman of the committee on correspondence; both of Helena.

NEBRASKA, 1896.

The thirty-ninth annual communication was held at Omaha, June 10th and 11th, M.: W.: H. H. Wilson, Grand Master. Two hundred and fourteen lodges represented; two hundred and twenty on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present, our representative heading the list.

Eight dispensations for new lodges. Membership eleven thousand, eight hundred, and thirty-six; gain sixty-six. Receipts \$12,913.88.

A plain, sensible oration was delivered by Bro. F. G. Simmons, grand orator; the new compilation of the Nebraska law was accepted with thanks; an amendment was adopted permitting lodges to exempt from dues master masons of thirty years' standing and sixty-five years of age; Bro. R. C. Jordan, their first grand master, received a wel-

come most gratifying to that aged veteran; the law of affiliation was amended, withholding the dimit until after the brother's election in another lodge; and the decision relating to defective ballot boxes was not approved by the jurisprudence committee, who properly held that the ballot is void.

An unusually brief review of the proceedings of fellow grand lodges was prepared by the grand secretary, owing to the general hard times. Minnesota is disposed of as follows:

Besides \$17,000 set apart, this grand lodge expended \$2,220 this year for relief and appropriated \$2,400 for next year; they have no masonic home and probably think they need none; new jurisdictions like Minnesota and Nebraska may need a home fifty years hence, but we think an ample relief fund generously expended through the lodges sufficient for the time being.

Bro. Montgoinery keeps steadily working away for the best interests of the craft; as a steady-going grand secretary he has few equals.

Bro. Irving Todd writes the review, as usual, but this year with few comments; Nebraska is fairly treated.

M. : W. : C. J. Phelps, Schuyler, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. R. Bowen, Omaha, reelected Grand Secretary.

1897.

The fortieth annual communication was held at Lincoln, June 16th and 17th, M. : W. : C. J. Phelps, Grand Master. Two hundred and twenty-one lodges represented; two hundred and twenty-eight on the roll. Nineteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership eleven thousand, seven hundred, and sixty-three; loss seventy-three. Receipts \$14,153.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The death of Bro. George Armstrong, the first grand secretary and past grand master, was announced.

Forty-one decisions were reported, of purely local interest.

Under the head of Occasional Lodge the annual address says:

My son, Harry E. Phelps, of Howell, Colfax County, Neb., desiring to be made a mason, I determined, after a careful review and consideration of masonic authorities, to exercise the prerogative, being satisfied beyond any question of doubt as to its existence, and on the 27th day of March, 1897, I called to my assistance our R. W. Bros. F. H. Young, grand senior warden, and W. R. Bowen, grand secretary, W. Bro. W. W. Wells, master of Acacia Lodge No. 34, and twenty-five other master masons, in the hall of Acacia Lodge No. 34, at Schuyler, Neb.; announced my purpose, and declared that if no objection existed among the brethren present I should proceed. No objection appearing, I called off, opened an apprentice lodge, and, again declaring my purpose if no objection was made, caused the candidate to be made a mason; following which I opened a lodge of fellow crafts, and in like manner, with all the precautions taken in the preceding degree, passed him to the degree of a fellow craft mason; and then resuming work on the master mason's degree, with like precaution raised him to the sublime degree of a master mason. The degrees were under my direction, in my presence, and, with the assistance of the above named brethren, fully exemplified. My son has since applied for and obtained membership in Acacia Lodge No. 34, of Schuyler, Neb., of which I have been a member ever since my initiation into freemasonry.

This copying after Pennsylvania met with the following emphatic disapproval:

Your committee on jurisprudence beg leave to report that we have had under consideration the matter of making Harry E. Phelps a mason, as reported in the address of the grand master. Without entering into a discussion of the question of whether or not the prerogative of making masons at sight ever inhered in the office of grand master, we are of the opinion that, by reason of our situation and masonic traditions, such prerogative does not inhere in the office of grand master in Nebraska. We therefore disapprove the action of the grand master in making his son, Harry E. Phelps, a mason at sight, as reported in his address. The grand master is the creature of the constitution of this grand lodge, and his prerogatives are defined and limited thereby.

In answer to a query as to the masonic status of the young man, a supplementary report was submitted and adopted as follows:

Your committee on jurisprudence beg leave to report that in their opinion Harry E. Phelps is an irregularly made mason, and recommend that the grand master, in person or by proxy, be directed to go to Schuyler, as soon as convenient, and heal said Harry E. Phelps in due masonic manner, first requiring payment of the fees prescribed by the laws of the lodge, within whose jurisdiction said Harry E. Phelps resided, for conferring of the three degrees of masonry.

While not agreeing with the conclusions of the committee that their grand master is merely the presiding officer of the grand lodge, with no powers other than those given him by their constitution, still we regard the procedure as entirely unnecessary and uncalled for, and for that reason alone a legitimate subject of criticism.

Fraternal greetings were extended to Bro. R. C. Jordan, their first grand master and our representative, whose declining years prevented his attendance; an able address was delivered by Bro. S. R. Smith, grand orator; action on the Maine proposition was deferred; the committee on jurisprudence held that it was a masonic offense to sign a saloon-keeper's bond or to rent a building for saloon purposes; complimentary resolutions were adopted by a rising vote thanking the grand secretary for his systematic, persistent, and successful efforts in bringing out the second edition of their proceedings; and an appropriation of \$50 was made towards putting the grand lodge office at Omaha in proper shape for the reception of visitors during the exposition.

A note explains that a fire in the printing office not only delayed the proceedings, but prevented the publication of a report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: J. B. Dinsmore, Sutton, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. R. Bowen, Omaha, reelected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1897.

The thirty-third annual communication was held at Elko, June 8th and 9th, M.: W.: Enoch Strother, Grand Master. Eighteen lodges represented; twenty on the roll. One past grand master present; our representative absent.

Membership eight hundred and thirty-two; loss ten. Receipts \$966.

Under the head of recommendations the address quite pointedly says:

I would recommend that the committee on foreign correspondence be authorized to prepare a report as formerly, to be printed with the proceedings. I further recommend that the committee receive a fair compensation for the preparation of the same. I am of the opinion that a properly prepared report is of very great importance to the fraternity for the reason, first, that it brings us in close touch with the masonic world, grouping as it does all of the most important points of information in regard to the craft, giving us also, at the same time, the most important rulings and decisions of the various grand lodges.

The recommendation that newly raised master masons be required to perfect themselves in the first section of the third degree was adopted and ordered enforced; the Wisconsin relief proposition received scanty encouragement; the proposed Washington memorial services were approved; an assessment of fifty cents per member was levied upon the constituent lodges; a banquet was tendered by the local lodge; and a compilation of the decisions was ordered.

Bro. Lewers' mantle seems to have fallen upon Bro. A. D. Bird, and his report on foreign correspondence is a very creditable one. From the page devoted to Minnesota the following paragraphs are reproduced:

Notwithstanding the name of the grand master, we are pleased to state that the year's labors were conducted with due order and propriety.

The grand oration is full of good reflections and questions asked, the answers of which, if followed out, would make us better masons.

Bro. Todd wielded the reportorial pen and Nevada was not forgotten.

M.: W.: Albert Lackey, Gold Hill, Grand Master; R.: W.: C. N. Noteware, Carson City, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. D. Bird, Reno, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1897.

The thirtieth annual communication was held at St. John, Aug. 24th and 25th, M.: W.: J. T. Whitlock, Grand Master. Fifteen lodges represented; thirty-one on the roll. Three past grand masters present, including our representative.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership seventeen hundred and eighty-one; gain twenty-four. Receipts \$1,468.50.

The death of Bro. W. F. Bunting, past grand secretary, past grand master, and author of the *History of Freemasonry in New Brunswick*, was announced.

The grand master declined issuing a dispensation for the public installation of officers, but granted eight to wear regalia at divine service, and one to wear regalia at other processions.

The Grand Master of Nova Scotia and several past grand masters of that jurisdiction were cordially welcomed as visitors.

The Maine proposition was not agreed to; the board of general purposes reported that portraits of two deceased past grand masters were being painted, at an expense of \$75 each; the committee of conference with Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island upon the subject of a masonic home found difficulties of a financial character, and recommended a closer union between the three grand bodies; the new constitution was considered and approved; an address to Queen Victoria was drafted and ordered transmitted when suitably engrossed; and a charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation.

M.: W.: Thomas Walker, Grand Master; V.: W.: J. T. Hartt, Grand Secretary; both of St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1897.

The one hundred and eighth annual communication was held at Concord, May 19th, M.: W.: H. A. Marsh, Grand Master. Forty-eight lodges represented; seventy-seven on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership nine thousand, one hundred, and eleven; gain one hundred and forty-eight. Receipts \$3,235.08.

The usual number of special dispensations were reported; a spurious ritual was discovered and squelched; the Maine proposition was disapproved; the legitimacy of a mason hailing from the Grand Lodge of Chihuahua, Mexico, was questioned by the committee on jurisprudence; the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; the new regalia being composed of chain collars, an amendment to the constitution was proposed to authorize their use; and the mode of wearing the apron in the second and third degrees was transposed.

The report on foreign correspondence was again prepared by Bro. A. S. Wait, from which we take the following extracts:

An interesting oration was delivered before the grand body by the grand orator, Bro. L. R. Barto, which is published with the proceedings.

Bro. Irving Todd summarizes the doings and sayings of fifty-seven sister grand jurisdictions in a very interesting as well as able report on foreign correspondence, covering eighty-seven pages. Among those reviewed are our own for 1896, everything, as in all other cases, being given which can interest the craft in general. After some quotations from our report, Bro. Todd, in a paragraph of but a few lines, summarizes with great clearness and perspicuity the views we submitted upon the topics of leading contemporaneous interest.

As in the preceding year, annexed to the proceedings of the grand lodge are those of the annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association, which contain interesting reminiscences of the masons and masonry of the early times in the jurisdiction.

Bro. Wait demurs to the constitutional provision in Alabama giving lodges perpetual jurisdiction over rejected can-

didates for affiliation, and also to the Ohio practice of referring applications for a copy of a lost dimit to a committee of inquiry. His position is eminently sound in both instances. The corruptions in Mexican masonry, if eliminated, are not held as a perpetual bar to recognition, in his opinion. If they are not so eliminated, then what?

M.: W.: H. A. Marsh, Nashua, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. P. Cleaves, Concord, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. S. Wait, Newport, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW JERSEY, 1897.

The one hundred and tenth annual communication was held at Trenton, Jan. 27th and 28th, R.: W.: J. W. Ewan, Deputy Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-eight lodges represented; one hundred and sixty-five on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership sixteen thousand and ninety-four; gain four hundred and nineteen. Receipts \$10,538.40.

The grand master was detained at home by illness, but the address indicates a busy year, with the customary amount of administrative details, of local interest only.

The Wisconsin proposition was ordered filed, it having been unfavorably acted upon in 1895; a telegram of sympathy was forwarded to the grand master; the committee on history made a verbal report and was continued; the committee on revision of digest reported a number of changes, which were adopted; the proposed revision of the manual was postponed for a year; provision was made for a standing committee on masonic home; the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; the title of district deputy grand master being considered too long, it was therefore abbreviated to right worshipful district deputy, an increase of four letters in the official handle; and a proposed change in the constitution making a grand master ineligible for reëlection goes over to next year under the rules. Don't do it.

The report on foreign correspondence was again submitted by Bro. G. B. Edwards, who gives four pages to Minnesota. We quote:

An oration by Bro. Robert Forbes was elegant in diction and excellent in theme.

The correspondence report was chiefly a chronicle, Bro. Irving Todd not revealing much of himself. He dissents from the opinion that lodge funds should not be used for the current events of the lodge, including annual receptions attended with dancing. He gives this as his unbiased opinion, as he states that he is not a disciple of Terpsichore.

The doctrine that the funds of a lodge can only be of avail for necessary expenses and charity is too narrow in its conception. If the brethren have charity in their hearts and their pocketbooks, and are responsive to all calls, there is no necessity for aggregation for exclusive purposes. It is of observance that where the desire for accumulation prevails, the open hand of charity is not so far extended.

The lodge to which this Jerseyite is attached, holding weekly communications, appropriated the last in each month for a musical smoker, to which the friends of the members were invited. The success of the year was very great, the treasury was low, but the spirit of masonry prevailed. No worthy applicant was refused, but was brought in and cheered, and when he went his way it was with rejoicing in heart and pocket. The exercise of larger individual charity should be propagated. The spontaneous collection, in response to personal appeal, has much more merit than a cold draft on the treasury; the good somehow does not seem to attach as when it is an individualism.

A very interesting paper appears under the head of Masonic Veteran Association; the historical reminiscences are worth preservation.

M.: W.: G. W. Fortmeyer, East Orange, Grand Master, and R.: W.: T. H. R. Redway, Trenton, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. G. B. Edwards, Jersey City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW MEXICO, 1896.

The nineteenth annual communication was held at East Las Vegas, Oct. 5th and 6th, M.: W.: J. H. Wroth, Grand Master. Sixteen lodges represented; twenty on the roll. Six past grand masters present.

One charter surrendered. Membership eight hundred and ninety-four; gain twenty-four. Receipts \$928.

The portraits are of Bro. J. H. Kuhns and Bro. Richard English, past grand masters.

The grand master reported that investigation of the murder of Bro. A. J. Fountain, past deputy grand master, was in the hands of a competent committee with full power to act.

Further time was granted to the committee on revision of grand lodge by-laws; the constitutional amendment of last year was again referred to the lodges for action, ten having voted for and four against; the minimum fee for the degrees was fixed at \$50; and the grand master's address and report of the committee on same was ordered to be spread upon the minutes of each subordinate lodge.

Bro. Max Frost submitted another of his brief reports on foreign correspondence. He says:

Bro. Irving Todd presents a good report of the committee on foreign correspondence, reviewing therein fifty-five grand lodges.

He believes that a grand lodge constitution outranks the grand master; that when a lodge has a good master it should keep him as long as possible.

M.: W.: Charles Bowmer, Lucero, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. A. Keen, Albuquerque, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Max Frost, Santa Fe, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW YORK, 1897.

The one hundred and sixteenth annual communication was held at New York, June 1st, 2d, and 3d, M.: W.: John Stewart, Grand Master. Seven hundred and thirty-four lodges represented; seven hundred and forty on the roll. Nine past grand masters and our representative present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested. Membership ninety-three thousand, two hundred, and seventy-one; gain two thousand, three hundred, and ninety-seven. Receipts \$76,413.83.

The portraits are of Bro. J. J. Gorman and Bro. J. E. Morse, past grand treasurers.

The death of Bro. C. T. McClenachan, grand historian, was announced.

Several grand officers from New Jersey and the District of Columbia were among the distinguished visitors.

Monuments to the memory of Bro. John Hoole, past grand tyler, Bro. Nicholas Herkimer, the hero of Oriskany, and Bro. E. B. Harper, president of the board of trustees, were dedicated during the year.

The grand master decided that a candidate previously rejected in another grand lodge jurisdiction, and now a resident of New York, could not be initiated without first complying with the law of the jurisdiction in which he had been rejected. This is in line with our suggestion of last year, under the head of Maine, and seems to be the only practicable compromise. With New York in the lead, the question of uniform legislation is nearer a solution than possibly Bro. Drummond conceived when penning his five year proposition.

The reports of the masonic home give the current expenses at \$31,505.45; average number of inmates, one hundred and sixty-four; cost per capita, \$191.52. The new buildings have been completed.

The Joyce fund has increased to \$1,505.67; the board of relief reported four applicants from Minnesota, to whom \$13 were given; the original warrant of Clinton Lodge No. 151, extinct since 1828, was surrendered; a telegram of sympathy was forwarded to Bro. James Gibson, past grand master; greetings were wired to the Grand Lodge of Colorado and the Grand Master of England; the committee on grievances reported that nothing had been referred to them for consideration; the Maine and Wisconsin propositions were not indorsed; under the new constitution the limit is one year, instead of the old usage of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates; the committee on jurisprudence held that a clandestine mason could not be healed by any grand or subordinate lodge; the grand librarian was authorized to print the new catalogue; a contingent fund of \$500 was appropriated for the use of the grand master; and an oil portrait of the retiring grand master was presented as a gift from various brethren.

Bro. J. B. Anthony submitted his ninth report on foreign correspondence, Bro. Ernest Ringer again reviewing

the foreign grand bodies. Under the head of Minnesota he says:

The grand secretary publishes a table showing in detail the gains and losses in lodge membership since the organization of the grand lodge. A valuable exhibit for reference and also interesting.

W.: L. R. Barto, grand orator, delivered an eloquent address upon the cardinal principles and teachings of the institution.

W.: Irving Todd presents the report on correspondence, embracing the proceedings of fifty-seven grand bodies, including New York for 1896.

We do not ourselves believe that the Grand Lodge of New York is, or ever will be, prepared to accept or recognize (knowingly) any freemasonry (?) which eliminates from its ritual a belief in God or substitutes a Book of Constitutions for the Holy Bible. It is upon the special point last named that your committee has never been thoroughly satisfied, and we incline to the opinion that the committee on jurisprudence, in their recommendation for the recognition of the Gran Dieta, must have predicated their action upon assurances which, as we now understand the situation, were not *then* correct. If upon this point the committee on jurisprudence were misinformed, it is not by any means irreparable. It is not our province to criticise the action of the Grand Lodge of New York; we have implicit reliance in the honest judgment of the committee on jurisprudence; but upon the separate and direct question proposed, whether we are prepared to accept as freemasonry the requirement of the Book of Constitutions upon the altar instead of the Holy Bible in Protestant countries, or a sacred volume representing the religion in foreign lands, we say, personally, emphatically no. Upon the principle embraced in this question the action of the Grand Lodge of New York has been conclusive in the past, and, as a separate and distinct issue, its position is the same to-day. Upon the other points we are willing to let subsequent correction and time remedy.

The above is a candid admission that the recognition of the Gran Dieta in 1894 was premature, to say the least. We thought so then, and are of the same opinion still. The writer knows from personal observation that Toltec Lodge, in the City of Mexico, has the Holy Bible upon its altar and prohibits the making of a woman a mason, but he was unable to penetrate the veil of uncertainty and obscurity which envelops everything pertaining to the fraternity in our sister republic.

There were three separate and distinct issues involved when the matter was taken up and decided by the Grand Lodge of New York, since supplemented by a fourth objection from Bro. Vincil, that it is a general grand lodge knocking at our doors, with which we have nothing in common. According to Bro. Anthony it was only the Gran Dieta that was recognized, and not the reprehensible practices that are now claimed to have been eliminated from its system, for they were not made a separate and distinct issue. As a matter of fact the only argument presented by their committee on jurisprudence was the status of Toltec Lodge, which had been disowned by Missouri and re-chartered by the Gran Dieta. Recognition of the Grand Orient of France was withdrawn twenty years ago for a less aggravated offense.

Bro. Anthony thinks that the masonic burial service would be appropriate, even if the remains were afterwards to be cremated; that a district deputy could not open a lodge in the absence of the master and wardens without special direction from the grand master; that either of the wardens may properly confer a degree in the absence of the master; that the name masonic should be prohibited for insurance purposes; that Bro. Robbins, in his attacks upon the Grand Lodge of New York, has gone beyond the bounds of legitimate criticism; that the circular of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania is an uncalled for reflection upon the loyal craftsmen of Indiana; that the cost of printing the names of members exceeds the accruing advantages; and that from mouth to ear is the correct method of imparting masonic instruction.

M.: W.: W. A. Suther'and, Rochester, Grand Master;
R.: W.: E. M. L. Ehlers, New York, reflected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. B. Anthony, Utica, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW ZEALAND, 1897.

The seventh annual communication was held at Invercargill, Apr. 28th, M.: W.: William Barron, Grand Master.

The board of general purposes reported the constitution of two new lodges; Bro. Adriano Lemmi, past grand master

of the Grand Orient of Italy, was elected an honorary member of the grand lodge, that body being the first to extend recognition; and the salary of the grand secretary was increased £25.

M.: W.: William Barron, Grand Master, and R.: W.: William Ronaldson, Grand Secretary, were reelected.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1897.

The one hundred and tenth annual communication was held at Raleigh, Jan. 12th, 13th, and 14th, M.: W.: F. M. Moye, Grand Master. One hundred and ninety-one lodges represented; two hundred and ninety on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Eight dispensations for new lodges; two charters restored; three charters surrendered. Membership nine thousand, five hundred, and twenty-six, with seventeen lodges not reporting. Receipts \$6,427.97.

The death of Bro. R. W. Best, past grand master, was announced. His portrait and that of the grand master are given in the proceedings.

The Grand Master of South Carolina was among the honored visitors.

The following extracts are taken from the annual address:

In the face of the argument advanced by some looking to its discontinuance as a useless and unnecessary proceeding, I wish to record my unqualified approval of our present system of grand representation, it being to my mind not only eminently wise and proper, but in the best interest of the order.

However just it might be, I know of no law which in the matter of fees for the degrees favors above others that most worthy class of our citizens, ministers of the gospel. The fees must be paid by all alike, and shall be held sacred for charitable or educational purposes, unless the necessity should exist requiring their use in providing suitable accommodations or essential fixtures.

In referring to the orphan asylum the grand master says:

In this connection it affords me much pleasure to say that the Bradley matter, which has been in litigation for some time, has been

compromised and settled, and we are now in possession of property in Minneapolis, Minn., of the rental value of \$600 per annum.

A bequest of \$3,000 from the late Mrs. Rebecca Baird for the asylum was announced by the grand secretary; the officers reported two hundred and ten inmates, with expenditures of \$15,701.61; a resolution declaring an applicant who had lost a hand or foot to be eligible for the degrees was referred to the jurisprudence committee, to report next year; the amendments rendering the grand master and wardens ineligible for reelection were declared lost; the question of reprinting the proceedings was again laid over; a brief address was delivered by Bro. C. B. Aycock, grand orator; a collection of \$69.62 was taken up for the asylum; the Wisconsin proposition was recommitted for further light; a portrait of Mr. B. N. Duke, the generous patron of the Oxford asylum, was ordered to be procured and hung up in the building named after his deceased son; a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master; and the expenses of the permanent members in attendance upon grand lodge were ordered to be paid.

A very creditable first report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. J. A. Collins, reviewing the several jurisdictions for two years. We quote:

A glance at the report of the committee on appropriations shows that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota is not unmindful of the necessities of its needy brethren and their families, and generous provision has been made for them.

The annual oration by the Rev. Bro. Robert Forbes on the Spirit of Masonry called forth the thanks of the grand lodge, and the request for a copy to be published with the proceedings.

The work of the reviewer is done by the same capable hand. Bro. Irving Todd, who gives fraternal notice of fifty-five grand jurisdictions, including North Carolina.

Thirty-nine pages of the appendix is given to the transactions of the fourth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, and very interesting and instructive it is.

M. W. W. E. Moore, Webster, Grand Master; R. W. J. C. Drewry, Raleigh, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. A. Collins, Enfield, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1897.

The eighth annual communication was held at Fargo, June 8th and 9th, M.: W.: W. T. Perkins, Grand Master. Forty-three lodges represented; forty-six on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership two thousand, seven hundred, and two; gain one hundred and sixty-seven. Receipts \$2,980.20.

The portraits are of the grand master and a group of seven past grand masters.

The decision that one who had lost the first joint of the thumb on his right hand was suitable material failed to meet with approval; a compilation of existing laws was presented by the grand secretary and adopted; the grand lecturer was instructed to make a compulsory visit to every lodge during the year, with a fee of \$5 each and actual traveling expenses; the mileage was fixed at ten cents, one way; a per capita tax of ten cents was levied for five years in favor of the library, and reciprocal jurisdiction was proposed with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: R. M. Carothers, Grand Forks, Grand Master;
R.: W.: F. J. Thompson, Fargo, reelected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1897.

The thirty-second annual communication was held at Halifax, June 9th and 10th, M.: W.: J. W. Huhland, Grand Master. Forty lodges represented; sixty-two on the roll. Two past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership three thousand, four hundred, and nine; gain fifty-eight. Receipts \$3,118.95.

The death of Bro. J. J. McKeil, grand tyler, was announced.

A set of regalia was presented the appointed officers, sixteen in number, by the grand master; the visitation of every subordinate lodge during the year was noted in the address; a committee was appointed to revise the constitution; an address to Queen Victoria was prepared and ordered for-

warded; representatives were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Hungary; an adverse report was presented upon the proposed masonic home in conjunction with New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island; past rank was accorded three district deputy grand masters for their valuable service; the practice of canvassing for office in the grand lodge was severely censured; the Maine proposition was not approved; attendance upon divine service was omitted owing to the many attractions of the jubilee celebration; and a testimonial was voted the retiring grand master.

The following interesting paragraph is found in the grand master's address:

I hope the day is not far distant when this innovation of dues will be done away with altogether. The craft would be more united and harmonious, and there would be no suspension for non-payment, this terrible insect which is eating our very existence. But this question will be asked, if we do away with lodge dues, how are we to meet our expenses? How? Why raise your fees. Masonry is altogether too cheap. Retailing it out, as is too frequently done, is the whole cause of the trouble. Cheap masonry brings cheap material, and hence shoddy goods. Decay must follow. Let us hear from our able, distinguished writers a better remedy, if they have one.

The report on foreign correspondence was upon the Georgia plan, Bro. T. B. Flint furnishing the greater portion of it. As he has been promoted to the head of the column it will probably be his last for some time to come. Minnesota was fraternally reviewed by Bro. C. E. Willet, who writes:

In his address, which is a good business one, the grand master regrets the financial depression which existed in the state.

An excellent oration was delivered by Bro. L. R. Barto, grand orator.

The report on foreign correspondence is the work of Bro. Irving Todd, in which the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia receives fraternal notice.

M. W. T. B. Flint, Yarmouth, Grand Master; R. W. William Ross, Halifax, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. C. E. Willet, Windsor, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OHIO, 1897.

The eighty-eighth annual communication was held at Columbus, Oct. 20th and 21st, R.: W.: Nelson Williams as Grand Master. Four hundred and eighty-six lodges represented; four hundred and ninety-eight on the roll. Eleven past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership forty-one thousand, seven hundred, and thirteen; gain eight hundred and seventy-four. Receipts \$26,165.57.

The grand master was unavoidably absent, but his portrait appears in the accustomed place.

The death of Bro. Jacob Randall, grand tyler since 1864, was announced.

The grand master reported his resignation as representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, the two positions seeming to be inconsistent; it is not so regarded in other jurisdictions, however; that he had permitted chapters of the Eastern Star to occupy lodge rooms in cases where no objection was offered; that so-called lodges were still being formed in that jurisdiction by a self created grand lodge; and that the contributions to the home have been disappointing.

The grand lodge visited the home at Springfield in a body, by special train; the committee on jurisprudence declined to modify their recent action abrogating perpetual jurisdiction; the code was amended by striking out the words with the consent of the grand master as applied to the use of lodge rooms by the Eastern Star; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

The reports of the masonic home show fifty-six inmates, maintained at an annual cost of \$12,649.28.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham contributed another of his exhaustive reports on foreign correspondence, the following extracts being taken from his fraternal review of Minnesota:

The grand representative of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Ohio, R.: W.: Bro. W. T. Rigby, of Clearwater, was prevented by serious illness from being present. Our best sympathies are herewith extended to our afflicted brother.

M.: W.: Bro. Lawless, in his annual address, submits an able report of official duties discharged.

On the morning of the second day's session the grand orator, Bro. L. R. Barto, delivered a brief but practical address.

R.: W.: Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, submitted an able and interesting summary of the published proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges, Ohio for 1896 among the number under review.

Bro. Cunningham regards the New York mode of wearing the aprons in the second and third degrees as a modern innovation; is opposed to cipher rituals, although conceding their use for over a hundred years; is of the opinion that freemasonry is and always has been a purely voluntary institution; that an equitable dimission fee would doubtless prevent hasty applications for dimits, but does not explain what would become of the voluntary feature; that the past master's ceremony still belongs to craft masonry, notwithstanding the capitular degree of the same name; and that there is no necessity for haste in recognizing the Grand Dieta although he believes that recognition will be fraternally extended in the near future.

M.: W.: Nelson Williams, Hamilton, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. M. Cunningham, Newark, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OKLAHOMA, 1897.

The fifth annual communication was held at Norman, Feb. 9th and 10th, M.: W.: Henry Rucker, Grand Master. Twenty-three lodges represented; twenty-eight on the roll. One past grand master present.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership thirteen hundred and forty; gain two hundred and sixty-six. Receipts \$902.50.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

Among the decisions reported was the following:

8. The vocation of a brother in no case exempts him from the payment of his dues. In this jurisdiction a minister of the gospel is on the same footing as a brother in any other vocation.

The two lodges in Greer County were formally transferred from the Grand Lodge of Texas; the grand orator was too busily engaged in politics to put in an appearance; an appropriation of \$50 to the grand master and \$100 to the grand lecturer was voted, to be drawn upon itemized bills; the mileage amendment was tabled; labor was suspended for a carriage ride; the Wisconsin proposition was laid over a year; and a banquet was tendered by the Commercial Club.

M. W. A. W. Fisher, Norman, Grand Master; R. W. J. S. Hunt, Stillwater, reelected Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1897.

The forty-seventh annual communication was held at Portland, June 16th, 17th, and 18th, M. W. Philip Metschan, Grand Master. Ninety-nine lodges represented; one hundred and two on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present.

One charter surrendered. Membership four thousand, nine hundred, and four; gain thirty. Receipts \$5,441.92.

The deaths of Bro. J. N. Dolph, past grand master, and Bro. C. H. Lewis, past deputy grand master, were announced.

Portraits and biographies of four past grand masters are given in the proceedings.

A very readable address was delivered by Bro. W. E. Carll, grand orator; the grand secretary was instructed to notify the grand high priest, grand commander, and the active inspector general of all suspensions and expulsions; \$200 was appropriated for a monument to Bro. Berryman Jennings, their first grand master; an address was delivered by Bro. Jacob Voorsanger, past grand orator and chaplain of California; the committee on semi-centennial was continued; the Wisconsin proposition was referred to a special committee, to report next year; and Bro. J. C. Bell, who was present at the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1847, when the dispensation was granted to open the first lodge in Oregon, was received with the usual honors.

Bro. Robert Clow handed in another able and carefully prepared report on foreign correspondence, from which the following extracts are taken:

W.: Bro. L. R. Barto, grand orator, delivered an eloquent address; subject, The Cardinal Principles and Teachings of the Masonic Institution.

W.: Bro. Irving Todd presented the report on correspondence (eighty-six pages). It embraces a review of the proceedings of fifty-seven grand bodies, including Oregon for 1896. We would gladly follow the brother to the end, but the printer is calling for copy and we must quit.

Bro. Clow is not yet prepared to recognize the Gran Dieta, preferring to await developments.

M.: W.: W. H. Hobson, Salem, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. F. Robinson, Eugene, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro Robert Clow, Junction City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1896.

Two pages of the sadly shrunken volume are devoted to recording the fact that the grand master had again exercised his prerogative of making a mason at sight. The candidate, who parts his name in the middle, received the three degrees in precisely two hours and ten minutes.

The portraits are of Bro. J. K. Mitchell and Bro. H. M. Phillips, past grand masters.

At the September quarterly appropriate eulogies upon Bro. Michael Nisbet were pronounced by several distinguished brethren.

At the December quarterly grand officers were elected, the payment of \$77,950 was reported upon the temple debt, leaving \$411,800 still outstanding; the completion of the second volume of the reprint was announced by the library committee.

The annual communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 28th, R.: W.: M. H. Henderson, Grand Master. Seventy-eight lodges represented; four hundred and twenty-five on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Three new lodges constituted. Membership forty-nine thousand, five hundred, and eighty-nine; gain eleven hundred and seventeen. Receipts \$132,682.40.

Under the head of decisions the grand master says:

The Grand Master of Pennsylvania is more than a presiding officer, and there is no appeal from any of his acts. His decisions have all the force of established law until some of his successors reverse them, and, as they are generally logical and equitable, this is seldom done.

The grand master holds that a past master's jewel must be of silver alone; that a man who is not able to speak above a whisper and one who is cross eyed are not physically disqualified for initiation; that the worshipful master can call special meetings of his lodge whenever the business requires it; that it is not proper to charge a brother for a dimit; that the senior and junior wardens cannot be lawfully installed together; that a lodge of master masons cannot hold a lodge of sorrow; that the wife, daughter, mother, or sister of a deceased master mason is entitled to the same consideration as though her relatives were living; that naturalization is not a qualification for initiation; that persons not masons cannot be invited to a lodge entertainment, and that the junior warden is entitled to take the west in the absence of the senior warden from his station.

A jewel was presented to the retiring grand master, and the ring formerly worn by Bro. R. A. Lamberton, past grand master, was presented the grand master by a son, to be transmitted to his successor in office.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

R.: W.: W. J. Kelly, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. A. Sinn, Grand Secretary; both of Philadelphia.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1897.

The twenty-second annual communication was held at Charlottetown, June 24th and 25th, M.: W.: J. L. Thomson, Grand Master. The twelve lodges all represented. Five past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership five hundred and twenty; gain five. Receipts \$261.90.

The deaths of Bro. B. W. Higgs, past grand secretary, and Bro. J. W. Morrison, past grand master, were announced.

A telegram of congratulations was forwarded to the governor general of Canada, to be transmitted to Queen Vic-

toria; St. John's Lodge No. 8 was granted the privilege of wearing blue and gold regalia during their centennial year; the grand officers were installed by Bro. J. W. Ruhland, past grand master of Nova Scotia; the joint committee on masonic home, from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, resolved that the establishment of a sufficient fund, should precede any other action; and the revised constitution and text book was unanimously approved.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, announcing the appointment of a committee to confer upon the matter of consolidating the two grand lodges, but no action was taken.

M.: W.: Leonard Morris, Grand Master; R.: W.: Neil MacKelvie reelected Grand Secretary; both of Summerside.

QUEBEC, 1897.

The twenty-seventh annual communication was held at Montreal, Jan. 27th and 28th, M.: W.: Frederick Massey, Grand Master. Fifty-two lodges represented; fifty-four on the roll. Five past grand masters and our representative present.

One dispensation for a new lodge; two charters surrendered and one restored. Membership three thousand, five hundred, and six; loss twenty-four. Receipts \$2,576.92.

There are three portraits of past grand masters, an excellent beginning.

The grand master reported the restoration of a brother to good standing by virtue of his authority, whereupon an aggrieved lodge surrendered its charter, which was afterwards restored to twelve of the former members. The particulars of the case are not given.

An interesting discourse was delivered by Bro. C. G. Rollit, grand chaplain; a committee was appointed to draft an address of congratulation to the Queen upon the completion of sixty years of her reign; fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Chapter of Canada; the Maine proposition was again declined; it was recommended that the constitution be published in the French language; and it was held that a masonic funeral could not be given without the sanction of the district deputy grand master.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented his eleventh report on foreign correspondence, the last for the present, having been called up higher. The following paragraphs are taken from the fraternal review of Minnesota:

The address of the grand master is a very interesting record of his official acts.

An admirable oration, having for its subject The Spirit of Masonry, was delivered by Bro. Rev. Robert Forbes.

A very charming report of foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. Irving Todd, who is very appreciative and fraternal in his notice of Quebec.

The most interesting portion of the volume under review, to us, is that which contains the report of the annual meeting and banquet of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Minnesota. Only brethren who have been active members of lodges for twenty years are eligible for membership in this association, and the entrance fee is \$5. Similar associations exist in England and in several American jurisdictions, and we can well believe that they act as an incentive to our older brethren to maintain their interest in the order, and tend to largely reduce the number of non-affiliates. The speeches made and papers read at this meeting were all of exceeding value, and we only wish that they could be in the hands of and read by every brother. We make no apology for taking up several (eight) of the following pages with extracts from these proceedings.

M.: W.: E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Isaacson, Montreal, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. H. Whyte, chairman of the committee on foreign relations and correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND, 1896.

A festival communication was held at Boston, Aug. 27th, to witness the Templar parade, the two hundred and seventy-five brethren present being guests of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The one hundred and fifth annual communication was held at Providence, May 18th, M.: W.: E. P. Lowden, Grand Master. Thirty-five lodges represented; thirty-seven on the roll. Four past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership four thousand, eight hundred, and ninety-three; gain two hundred and thirty-two. Receipts \$2,663.05.

The death of Bro. D. B. Davis, grand treasurer, was announced.

An irreparable loss occurred Mar. 19th, in the burning of their masonic temple, together with the library, regalia, portraits of past grand masters, duplicate proceedings, and other printed matter. Fortunately there was an insurance of \$2,000, but many of the older documents can never be replaced.

The usual appropriations of \$200 each were made for the library and the second volume of the reprint, and a jewel and apron was voted to the retiring grand master.

Another festival communication was held at Warren, June 24th, it being the centennial of Washington Lodge No. 3, at which an interesting historical sketch was read by Bro. C. B. Mason, secretary, and a set of chain collars and jewels presented to the lodge and a jewel to the master. It was an unique affair.

M.: W.: W. H. Crawley, Warren, Grand Master; R.: W.: Edwin Baker, Providence, reelected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1896.

The one hundred and twentieth annual communication was held at Charleston, Dec. 8th and 9th, M.: W.: C. E. Sawyer, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-five lodges represented; one hundred and seventy-seven on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter revived, five revoked, one forfeited, and one dispensation surrendered. Membership five thousand, seven hundred, and twenty-five; loss one hundred and seventy-seven. Receipts \$6,688.54.

The death of Bro. J. D. Kennedy, past grand master, was announced.

The following extraordinary paragraph is found in the annual address:

It is gratifying to be able to report that there has been no unpleasantness whatever in our relations with other bodies, and, so far as I can learn, none with them, except there seems to be some commotion in the grand jurisdiction of Ohio about the so-called cerneau-

ism. It seems that another grand lodge has sprung up in that state, and is organizing lodges claiming allegiance to the cerneau grand lodge. So far as I can learn there is little difference between the esoteric work of the two, as I am assured by the cerneau masons, that men raised in their lodges are received in full fellowship in the old lodges by simply renouncing their allegiance to the cerneau body. The Grand Lodge of Ohio classes them with clandestine masons, and some trouble may yet arise when these cerneau masons come to visit in other jurisdictions. It is only my intention to mention the matter here, as I do not know that we are called upon to do more than remember that there is a schism in Ohio. I will simply add that I have received the arguments of the cerneau body, which, I may say, are very strong with one exception, and that is when men were obligated in lodges holding charters from the Grand Lodge of Ohio they bound themselves to obey its constitution, by-laws, rules, and regulations. But, at the same time, I cannot see what master masons have to do with these so-called higher degrees. If cerneauism is not masonry, where can there be any greater objection to a master mason joining a cerneau lodge than for him to join the Knights of Pythias? A few years ago a reverend brother traveled around conferring five so-called degrees which he denominated the Pilgrim Knight, and yet I cannot see that any harm was done to ancient craft masonry by his new degrees.

If this language means anything more than the perhaps excusable vanity of appearing in print, it means that the then Grand Master of South Carolina was prepared to recognize a clandestine grand lodge in Ohio and the so-called masons of its obedience, regardless of a grand lodge with which fraternal relations were existing, and whose representative was reported upon the floor during the delivery of the paper. Why the latter did not challenge the notorious misstatement of facts is a matter which Bro. J. Adger Smyth should explain to the grand body from which he holds a commission in extenuation of his dereliction of duty. It is not believed for a moment, however, that the Grand Lodge of South Carolina would indorse this untenable position should it ever be brought to a test in that jurisdiction. Possibly the grand master had his craft masonry so confused with the Pilgrim Knight that he was unable to properly distinguish between the two.

A uniform code of by-laws was submitted and adopted, subject to a proposed amendment of the constitution; the

Maine proposition was reported not in accordance with their practice of perpetual jurisdiction; an employe of the railway mail service was held to be the material of the lodge at the place from which he was appointed; the recommendations of the grand master for a modification of the physical qualifications of candidates, the disuse of official collars, and the readjustment of lodge dues according to a member's ability to pay were not approved; the number of district deputies was increased from ten to eighteen; the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; an appropriation of \$500 was made for preparing and printing a codification of the laws; a steamboat excursion was given by the local lodges; a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master; and in view of the extra amount of printing contemplated the correspondence report was dispensed with for the coming year.

The grand secretary contributed his usual well digested report on foreign correspondence. Among other things he says:

Bro. Irving Todd submitted a brief but well written report on correspondence. Our 1894 proceedings are in it.

M.: W.: J. T. Barron, Columbia, Grand Master; R.: W.: Charles Inglesby, Charleston, reelected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1897.

The twenty-third annual communication was held at Mitchell, June 8th and 9th, M.: W.: James Lewis, Grand Master. Seventy-nine lodges represented; ninety-one on the roll. Nine past grand masters present, our representative not among the number, having left the jurisdiction.

Three dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership four thousand, three hundred, and eight; gain sixty-five. Receipts \$2,787.50.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. G. H. Hand, past grand master.

In reporting the denial of every request for a dispensation to confer degrees out of time the address adds:

Your grand master is among those who do not believe that a desire to go on a journey or to remove from a state, after having resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge perhaps for years, sufficient cause for the exercise of this prerogative.

The committee on jurisprudence held that honorary membership or exemption from lodge dues was not permitted by the grand lodge; the Maine proposition was laid over a year; a committee was appointed to prepare a programme for their quadro-centennial in 1899; several amendments to the by-laws were adopted, one of them cutting off clergymen from gratuitous admission; and the mileage for next year was fixed at five cents one way.

The report on correspondence was from the fluent pen of Bro. William Blatt, as a matter of course. Of Minnesota he writes:

The proceedings are embellished with an elegant engraving of the grand master, J. F. Lawless.

He decided that an entered apprentice cannot be tried in a lodge open in that degree. Pray, where else is he to be tried?

P. G. M. Irving Todd is the author of the report on correspondence. Our proceedings of 1896 are reviewed by the brother in a kind and most fraternal style. Though very sparing in comment, one can read between the lines, however, that Bro. Todd is sound in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the craft.

We have had occasion before to explain that masonic trials in this jurisdiction are conducted by a committee, and that the writer is not entitled to the handle so often attached to his name.

Commenting upon recognition of the Gran Dieta Bro. Blatt says:

Legitimacy of origin seems to have been relegated to the rear by most grand jurisdictions and committees upon the subject. The sole question upon which recognition by many grand lodges hinges is the violation, in practice, of important and essential landmarks of ancient craft masonry. The existence of these practices in the immediate past is denied by no one, its continuance is in controversy. We received a very few years ago, accompanying the request for recognition, a pamphlet containing, printed in full in the Spanish language, the whole of the secret ritual. We have laid it up in the archives of the Levoy library. Upon this, as upon all other questions, the Grand Lodge of South Dakota can best afford to be extremely conservative.

Our brother likes cremation, and predicts that it will be the burial of the future; admits assisting the grand secretary in cutting down the memorial pages; this year they have but ten; and infers that Wisconsin dropped its correspondence reports for the reason that the chairman was afraid to have the craft read the universal and severe criticisms upon their relief proposition.

M.: W.: A. W. Coe, Deadwood, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. William Blatt, Yankton, committee on correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1897.

The eighty-third annual communication was held at Nashville, Jan. 27th, 28th, and 29th, M.: W.: P. N. Matlock, Grand Master. Three hundred and ninety-eight lodges represented; four hundred and twenty-five on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested, one surrendered, and five forfeited. Membership seventeen thousand, six hundred, and eighty-two; loss eighty-four. Receipts \$13,586.75.

The portrait is that of the incoming grand master.

The death of Bro. J. M. Anderson, past grand master, was announced.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

3. A lodge cannot suspend its worshipful master for non-payment of dues.

9. When a lodge sustains charges it must inflict a penalty.

13. A lodge can receive and elect a non-affiliate who can neither read nor write.

16. A lodge cannot give the degrees to a minister of the gospel free of charge, nor refund any portion of the fees under penalty of forfeiting its charter.

21. An officer reëlected to the same office need not be reinstalled.

24. A willful non-payment of dues to a lodge is a masonic offense.

There should never be a necessity for No. 13 in this age of enlightenment.

The committee reported that they had secured a portrait of Bro. D. S. Jennings, past grand master, the missing link in their gallery of oil paintings from the organization of the grand lodge; the masonic code was reported printed; the tender of the widows' and orphans' home was accepted by the grand lodge, to be endowed by personal contributions; fraternal greetings were extended to Bro. A. M. Hughes, senior past grand master, detained at home by the infirmities of age, being in his eighty-sixth year; the per capita tax was fixed at \$1, one-half going to the home; recognition was extended to the grand lodges of New Zealand, Victoria, and Oklahoma; the Maine proposition was favorably considered; it was ordered that the grand treasurer turn over all funds remaining in his hands to the home; and forty-six masters elect were duly installed in a convocation of past masters.

The report of the home shows an expenditure of \$6,479 for maintenance during the year, less than \$70 per capita. There are one hundred inmates.

Bro. G. H. Morgan presented a good report on correspondence, his first effort in this direction. From the page given to Minnesota we quote:

A bright little well printed volume of cerulean hue, bespangled with golden stars and gilt border comes to us from this enterprising jurisdiction.

Minnesota enjoys the luxury of a grand orator, Bro. Robert Forbes, among other things, uttering the golden words below, contrasting the world's greatest warrior and greatest pacificator.

M. : W. : A. N. Sloan, Chattanooga, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. B. Garrett, Nashville, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. G. H. Morgan, Cookeville, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TEXAS, 1896.

The sixty-first annual communication was held at Houston, Dec. 1st, 2d, and 3d, M. : W. : B. R. Abernethy, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty-two lodges represented; six hundred and two on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present.

Twelve dispensations for new lodges; nine charters issued direct; three charters arrested. Membership twenty-seven thousand, six hundred, and sixty-two; gain eight hundred and twenty-one. Receipts \$18,630.53.

Thirty-two decisions were reported, the following among the number:

3. A candidate applied for the entered apprentice degree; his application was referred to a committee, who reported him sound and without physical defect; he was elected and received that degree, and after due time was elected to and received the fellow craft degree. It was then discovered that prior to his initiation the candidate had suffered the loss of part of the middle finger of the left hand. My decision was that had the injury been received after initiation, the candidate would have been eligible for advancement; but that, having suffered the maiming before initiation, he was not eligible, even though the fact had not been discovered until afterwards.

While not subscribing to the modern theory that a candidate's ability to comply with the ritual is the only essential physical qualification, we are of the opinion that it would have been far better for all concerned, under the circumstances, to give the brother the third degree than to leave him where he is. A profane is not supposed to be familiar with the ancient landmark, and if he applies in good faith and is then regularly initiated and passed, he has a valid claim upon the fraternity that cannot be set aside upon a mere technicality. This may not be good law in Texas, but it is nevertheless based upon ordinary common sense. The committee on jurisprudence, in a lengthy review of the rulings, did not refer to this particular one, somewhat to our surprise.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was recognized, and the two lodges in Greer County transferred to that jurisdiction; the fund of the widows' and orphans' home was reported at \$106,876.75, most of it loaned out at eight per cent and over; the question of location of the home was postponed a year; a resolution declaring dealers in intoxicating liquors ineligible to receive the degrees was adversely reported upon by the committee on jurisprudence; the Mc Leary ring was turned over to the grand master elect; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Another well written report on fraternal correspondence was submitted by Bro. T. M. Matthews, from which the following extracts are taken:

The correspondence report comes again from the ready pen of Bro. Irving Todd. It occupies eighty-eight pages, and is a faithful review of the proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges. He extracts judiciously, and comments forcibly and pertinently. In strong, terse sentences he epitomizes everything worth notice that was done in sister jurisdictions. The Texas volume (1894) is courteously noticed, and extracts from the report of this committee are given.

We are sorry, Bro. Todd, that we complained of a lack of statistics, which were given, but overlooked by us. They were not where we expected to find them, and looked for them. But we got them this time, and 'tis all right.

Under the head of Connecticut he says:

In our last report we think we have shown to the satisfaction of any unbiased mind that the charges were false, at least so far as the Gran Dieta is concerned.

This does not agree with the testimony of Bro. T. S. Parvin upon the subject of Mexican masonry. These two eminent apologists should harmonize their differences somewhat before making another appeal to the fraternity in behalf of recognition.

Under Louisiana is found the following sensible comment:

With us the lodge is not forbidden to admit a man who sells intoxicating liquor, but it is admonished it were best not to do so, and we very much question if there be a lodge in the state which would admit a saloon keeper. With us, as to this writer seems just and proper, some discretion is allowed the members of the lodge. We are as much opposed to the liquor traffic and red liquor drinking as any man, but we cannot believe, as we last year wrote, that it is right and proper to convert the fraternity into a teetotal society, with pains and penalties attached.

Bro. Matthews is strongly opposed to cipher rituals and the grand master's prerogative of making masons at sight.

M. W.: A. B. Watkins, Athens, Grand Master; R. W.: John Watson, Houston, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. T. M. Matthews, Athens, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

UTAH, 1897.

The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Salt Lake City, Jan. 19th, 20th, and 21st, M.: W.: W. T. Dalby, Grand Master. The nine lodges all represented. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership seven hundred and sixty-three; gain twenty five. Receipts \$1,578.

The grand master explained that the quarter centennial celebration contemplated last year had been abandoned, owing to the cost of the new masonic hall in Salt Lake City and other reasons of a financial nature.

Bro. Chris. gives us a veritable portrait gallery in the current volume, the pictures being of twenty-three grand masters, the grand secretary, the new hall, its interior, the grand secretary in his office, the library, old and new halls of subordinate lodges, and two old charters.

The Wisconsin and Maine propositions were not agreed to; the recommendations that members stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues may only be restored by a majority vote and to prohibit dancing in lodge halls were not approved; the disposition of their interest in the public library was referred to a committee of seven masters of lodges; the revised constitution was considered and adopted; the new code was ordered printed; the signet ring was duly transferred; and a banquet was tendered by the local lodges.

Another of his entertaining reports on foreign correspondence was presented by the grand secretary. He comments upon Minnesota in this wise:

The widow of the late grand secretary, A. T. C. Pierson, draws an annual pension from the grand lodge of \$720. A motion to reduce it to one-half was voted down with four hundred and twenty-nine to forty-nine. We are glad of it.

The Rev. Bro. Robert Forbes delivered the annual oration, its theme being The Spirit of Masonry. The reverend brother is a full-blooded American and a liberty-loving citizen, with whom we would like to touch palms. We do not believe that he voted for the peace resolution cabled to England, because he hates tyranny in any form, and he knows that freedom cannot be bought without blood.

The report on correspondence, of which Bro. Irving Todd is the author, occupies eighty-eight pages, and reviews the proceedings of fifty grand lodges; Utah for 1896, among them, receiving kind and fraternal mention. He copies from Grand Master Chapman's address and our own reports, summarizes the doings of our grand lodge, and has only good words for the craft in Utah. In parting with Bro. Todd we desire to extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in the great loss he sustained last February. When a friend and brother stands by the open grave which closes over the wife who has been for thirty years his "rainbow to the storms of life," we shed a tear for her, for him. There is a union beyond the clouds, Bro. Todd, and for it we are all waiting.

Under Iowa is found the following:

Bro. Coxe includes in his report a paper written by Grand Secretary Parvin on Mexican masonry. The paper is very interesting to read, and to some extent instructive, but when Bro. Parvin speaks of the origin of Mexican masonry, we fear he has not gone far enough back. We beg to advise him to take from the shelves of his library *Findel's Bauhütte, Jahrgang, 27*, page 153, and read the origin of Mexican masonry as there related by Bro. Herman Butz. It is a long and not a very pleasant story of Mexican masonry.

Under Wisconsin he says:

We beg to differ with Bro. Bouck. It is our firm belief that the correspondence reports have done more for the enlightenment of the craft and the elevation of masonry than all the legislation of grand lodges put together.

M.: W.: A. D. Gash, Provo, Grand Master; R.: W.: Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, reelected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1897.

The one hundred and fourth annual communication was held at Burlington, June 9th and 10th, M.: W.: Kittredge Haskins, Grand Master. Eighty-seven lodges represented; one hundred and one on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership nine thousand, seven hundred, and fifty-eight; gain sixty-four. Receipts \$7,021.

The portrait is that of the grand master, with a cut of the proposed new temple at Burlington.

The grand secretary reported that he was making a registry as complete as practicable of the membership prior to 1846, much of the data having been lost.

The purchase of a lot for the new temple was reported with foundations laid, at a cost of \$20,677.65. An appropriation of \$30,000 was made, in addition to the \$50,000 of last year.

The revised digest of decisions was presented and printed with the proceedings; an amendment to the by-laws was adopted forfeiting the charter of any lodge not represented in grand lodge or failing to make returns and pay dues for two successive years, and cutting off mileage to representatives of lodges dilatory in their returns; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

Bro. M. O. Perkins prepared his usual report on foreign correspondence, a thoughtful and dignified production, from which the following quotations are taken:

The address of the grand master is a thorough-going, business paper.

Grand lodge also listened to an admirable address by the grand orator, Bro. L. R. Barto.

The report on correspondence is again submitted by Bro. Irving Todd, who condenses much into a small space. His review of fifty-seven grand jurisdictions includes a fraternal notice of Vermont for 1896.

Under the head of Arkansas he pertinently criticises the address of the grand orator as follows:

What shall be said of one who speaks of the fraternity of free and accepted masons as an order? Where does he find in ritual, cipher, mouth-to-ear, or any other kind, authority for speaking of the masonic institution as an order?

The error is a very common one, even among old masons who certainly know better. For example see the annual address of the Grand Master of Vermont.

Bro. Perkins thinks that the burial service should be revised so as to include cremation; that the calling of a past master to the chair by a presiding warden for the purpose

of conferring a degree is entirely uncalled for and contrary to ancient usage; that the so-called cipher innovation is about as aged as the institution of masonry itself; that Indiana could not have consistently acted otherwise when pushed to the wall by Pennsylvania; that a clandestine mason may not be healed, but should be treated as a profane; and that the value of correspondence reports are enhanced by their continuity.

The proceedings of the eighth annual meeting of the district deputy grand masters are given in the appendices.

M.: W.: D. N. Nicholson, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. G. Reynolds, reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Burlington; Bro. M. O. Perkins, Windsor, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

VIRGINIA, 1896.

The one hundred and nineteenth annual communication was held at Richmond, Dec. 1st, 2d, and 3d, M.: W.: J. P. Fitzgerald, Grand Master. One hundred and seventy-nine lodges represented; two hundred and fifty-seven on the roll. Five past grand masters present, our representative included.

Five dispensations for new lodges; four charters suspended, one revived. Membership twelve thousand, six hundred, and fifty-two; gain eighty. Receipts \$10,196.22.

The proceedings of a special communication, held at Richmond July 2d to lay the corner stone of a monument to Jefferson Davis, are given as a preface.

The deaths of Bro. G. W. Dame, grand chaplain since 1863, and Bro. W. E. Turner, grand lecturer, were announced. A portrait of the former faces the title page.

The salary of the grand secretary was fixed at \$2,000 per annum, in lieu of all fees and commissions; a resolution to dispense with the nightly banquets and pay the traveling expenses of one representative from each lodge was not adopted; and the Maine and Wisconsin propositions were not indorsed.

The sixth annual report of the masonic home gives the expenditures at \$7,703.79; number of inmates, thirty-eight.

A very brief report on foreign correspondence was transmitted by Bro. W. F. Drinkard, not present at the sessions, probably owing to continued ill health. It is his first since 1889. Of Minnesota he says:

We are glad to see that in this jurisdiction the law that reinstatement does not carry with it restoration to membership, except when the grand lodge reverses the decision of the lodge suspending, agrees with ours.

Another gratifying matter is the grand master's condemnation of what he calls masonic politicians. He rightly holds that office in masonry should seek the man and not the man the office, and condemns all electioneering in lodges.

He also condemns attempts to improve the ritual. * * * There is no 1717 heresy here.

Under Arizona he inquires:

Who would care to be thus grand master in name only and subject to a constitution in an organization, one of the corner stones of which is the master's prerogative, and which was in full working order before men ever thought about constitutional government?

Virginia has no constitution, but is governed by the Methodical Digest, a collection of the laws of the grand lodge. Their first attempt in that line was a reprint of the Pennsylvania Ahiman Rezon in 1790, which contained so many typographical errors that it was rejected, the printer being allowed twenty pounds for the labor, "provided the work be given up to the grand secretary to be burnt." The deputy grand master then offered to undertake the publication, which was completed the following year and formally approved by the grand master and wardens. The former printer was also allowed the further sum of ten pounds, provided he give a receipt in full and deliver the work to be disposed of as the grand lodge might direct. A copy of the imperfect book had been ordered forwarded with the proceedings to each subordinate lodge for temporary use, but it is extremely doubtful if one could now be found. Another revision, authorized in 1815, was not issued until 1818, and approved in 1820, notwithstanding numerous errors. In 1847 John Dove, grand secretary, brought out his well known Text Book, with a second edition in 1854, a third in

1866, and a fourth by W. B. Isaacs, his successor, in 1877. This brief history compiled from the early records is not without interest to the general reader.

From the comments under Colorado it may be inferred that their past master's degree is precisely the same as that conferred in a royal arch chapter. It is not so with us. Our wardens are not entitled to receive it; theirs must as a prerequisite to installation, unless they have had the chapter degree, but they cannot claim the rank. He recommends the terms present masters and past masters as a distinction. We call them actual past masters and virtual past masters, which is preferable in our way of thinking. This train of thought leads up to another point. According to the Virginia regulation a royal arch mason is eligible for installation as a warden as soon as he is elected. It is to be presumed, therefore, that he may be present at a special lodge of past masters, convened for the purpose of conferring that degree. If so, and we are not entirely clear as to his privileges, cannot an installed master or warden in that jurisdiction also be present at a royal arch chapter when opened upon the fifth degree? We are told that it is a poor rule that will not work both ways; a poorer one could not be easily conceived.

Bro. Greenleaf, of Colorado, responds as follows:

A chapter past master has no right in a convention of actual past masters. On one occasion we requested a past grand master of a large jurisdiction to retire from a convention of actual past masters over which we were presiding, he having received the degree in a chapter. A chapter past master who visits a convention (or lodge) of actual past masters violates his obligation. Actual past masters in convention assembled, who permit such to visit them, are equally guilty. Without intending to be captious at all, the discussion having been forced upon us, we say most decidedly that every grand lodge which permits a chapter past master to visit a convention of actual past masters, or recognizes the chapter degree of that name, in any form, commits a grave error. The two bodies are entirely distinct, neither can have any lawful information of the doings of the other, nor as to the identity of their membership. The organization of one is abiding, being under the wing of a chapter; the other is fleeting, called into existence by three or more actual past masters, who confer the degree and then dissolve *sine die*. If Bro. Drinkard will carefully examine the status of the two bodies as

here outlined, there should remain no more perplexity in his mind concerning that rock on which we all split—our sides, the past master's degree.

Bro. Perkins, of Vermont, says:

Evidently Bro. D. assumes that the esoteric form of installation is the same as the capitular degree. In this he errs, as he would admit at once, should he witness the installation ceremony.

Bro. Upton, of Washington, says:

The reporter states that old masonic charts called the degree present or past master, thinks present master the preferable name, and also asks Bro. Greenleaf, of Colorado, to explain why a chapter past master cannot sit in a lodge of past masters. We presume the answer will be, because freemasonry knows nothing of the chapter, and classes its degrees, so far as they have anything at all to do with freemasonry, as side degrees. In particular, we consider the chapter past master degree a miserable parody on a beautiful and important part of the ceremony of installing a master, which, our studies have convinced us, existed before the grand lodge era. The side degree known as the royal arch could, originally, be bestowed only upon masters of lodges, installed masters, those masters (master masons) who had passed through the full ceremony of installation; but the rigor of the rule was subsequently relaxed, and later it was conferred on those, not masters elect, who had become passed masters by going through a form called passing the chair, usually by a dispensation from a grand master. Out of this last, more or less farcical, ceremony was evolved the so-called chapter past master degree, when the banishment of the royal arch from the lodges made the chapter and a fictitious passing of the chair necessary. In our opinion that part of the ceremony of installing the master of a lodge, in which essential instructions are imparted and which has always been secret, is not properly called a degree.

Under Delaware the following dissertations are given:

Probably the reason for all the controversy as to the antiquity of speculative masonry, and its being only traceable back to 1717, is due to the fact that before its crystallization into the grand lodge system there were no records kept, as there could not have been the least necessity for them. If we will take as a suggestion our ritualistic teaching, handed down the ages, that "the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple was a mosaic pavement," when, until a few years ago, all masons knew, or thought they knew, that it was not a mosaic pavement at all, and then recall that late excavations show

that the plain floor thought to be that of the original temple proved to be a later one sixteen feet above the original one, which *was* a mosaic pavement, and part of which the Grand Lodge of Virginia has in its possession, we will see that there must be something in our traditions proving their antiquity. There are many other things the meaning of which is lost, which we could trace up easily if our history only dated from 1717. Perhaps the future has more surprises in store for us in this direction.

Many years ago there were made in one of our Virginia lodges three masons on their amendment due to a revival of religion, and as was urged, as an encouragement to them, whose previous moral life had not been what it should be. They were all soon suspended, and still remain thorns in the flesh to the lodge that took them in and was taken in. Let us use the black balls in all cases of poor timber. Numbers are no help to us if we risk using bad material, as we easily may from carelessness.

Under the District of Columbia he has this to say of the prerogative:

Now we in Virginia recognize the constitutions of masonry, but have no constitution or fundamental law. We hold that the grand lodge in its jurisdiction is supreme, but that the grand master is not only the master of the grand lodge, but is in reality, as we term him, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. At our last grand annual communication an amendment was proposed to our Methodical Digest, prohibiting the public installation of officers, which had been done by dispensation during the year. The question was asked of the grand master, who was himself very favorable to the amendment, what would then become of his prerogative. The answer came like a bugle note:

It remains as it was. If I choose to allow any lodge to publicly install its officers, it will only be necessary for me to say in my dispensation, I suspend such and such a section of the Methodical Digest, and grant the dispensation, and I will not hesitate to do it if I think proper.

Our institution is the most beautiful specimen of the handiwork of mortal man, and is at once the most democratic and the most autocratic on earth. Do not let us dilute its force in imitation of other societies or systems of government.

The past master's degree is again taken up under Indiana:

There can probably be no more fitting place in this report to explain our position on this subject than right here. We require

wardens to receive the past master's degree before installation, because without it they would not know how to preside in the absence of the master. What there is inconsistent in this is hard to see, and it does not seem that any mason who has received the degree would at once recognize the fact that without it he could not correctly rule and govern his lodge. To those who have not received it, it may be proper to say that their idea of the degree is probably perverted by its name, and this very controversy, added to the long-standing discussion as to what constitutes a real past master, would emphasize the wisdom of restoring its ancient other name of present master. We do not care whether it is given in a royal arch chapter or in a lodge of past masters convened for the purpose. When the Grand Lodge of Virginia surrendered jurisdiction of the chapter degrees to the grand chapter, this was reserved for wardens and masters. It may be news to those in younger states, but one hundred years ago the lodges in Virginia conferred all the degrees now included in the chapter, and conducted all business in the entered apprentice's degree.

The only reference to the surrender that we have been able to find in the early proceedings is the following in 1790:

A petition from the brethren of the Staunton Lodge, No. 13, setting forth the hardships and inconveniences arising by the adoption of a law in the grand lodge vesting the said grand lodge with the exclusive right, power, and authority of making royal arch masons, and praying that the said law may be repealed—

Resolved, That the said petition is reasonable, and that said law be and is hereby repealed.

It was not until 1819 that the regulation pertaining to wardens was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That no warden of a subordinate lodge shall enter upon the duties of his office until he shall have taken the degree of past master.

The minutes of those days were only abstracts, consequently it is possible that there has been other legislation of which no record was made.

Bro. Drinkard concludes his interesting paper with the following statement:

This report is intended to put Virginia as nearly as may be up to date on masonic questions, as she would have been could our

former reports have been continued to date. The committee has aimed to show to our own brethren and to the masonic world just what we conceive to be right on each subject treated, not from any desire to be captious, but to do good, and if wrong to be brought to see it.

Some of the usages thus referred to and peculiar to this jurisdiction are that petitions may be withdrawn by unanimous consent; a member casting a white ball has no right to say so, but one casting a black ball can avow it or not as he pleases; membership is allowed in any number of lodges; refreshments are customary, in the discretion of the master, and there is no law against the use of liquors; instead of a committee on credentials there is a medieval and vexatious mode of opening the grand lodge; incorporation of lodges is forbidden, although most of them hold property through their trustees appointed by court; no attention is paid to official dimits or other documents; there are no committees on applications, each member being supposed to investigate for himself.

M.: W.: A. R. Courtney, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. W. Carrington relected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. F. Drinkard, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Richmond.

WASHINGTON, 1897.

The fortieth annual communication was held at Seattle, June 8th, 9th, and 10th, M.: W.: Y. C. Blalock, Grand Master. Ninety-six lodges represented; one hundred and one on the roll. Twelve past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership four thousand, six hundred, and forty-nine; loss three hundred and forty-two. Receipts \$5,719.75.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The death of Bro. G. O. Haller, past grand master, was announced.

The grand master very properly decided that one who has only received the past master's degree in a chapter cannot be present at a lodge of past masters.

A resolution congratulating Bro. T. M. Reed, grand secretary, upon the completion of his fiftieth year as a master

mason was unanimously adopted by a rising vote; a very interesting address on The Universality of Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. John Arthur, grand orator; an approaching event was announced as a family affair, the conferring of the third degree, at which the master, wardens, and candidate were to be the father and three sons; an amendment extending membership to past grand masters of other jurisdictions, members of lodges in Washington, was not approved by the committee on jurisprudence; \$350. was appropriated to Bro. W. H. Upton for his services as code commissioner; the roster of lodges and members was ordered printed every third year; it was declared a masonic offense for a mason in that jurisdiction to enter into the business of selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage, not to apply to masons now engaged in the traffic; the matter of appointing district lecturers was indefinitely postponed; the proposition to turn over the masonic temple at Seattle to the control of the fraternity was referred to a committee of three, to report next year; the grand master announced that the gavel used at the daily sessions was presented by Mother Kilwinning Lodge to Occident Lodge No. 99, a brief history of which is given as an appendix; and \$100 was appropriated for the prosecution of frauds.

Bro. W. H. Upton prepared the report on correspondence in a topical form, largely for the sake of brevity; a highly original document, bristling with personalities. There appeared to be nothing in our proceedings which attracted his attention save the following:

As an appendix to the Minnesota volume we find the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota for 1897, in which are some forty pages of historical addresses of far more than local interest. From one of these—a paper filling fourteen pages, by Bro. W. H. Grant—we make the following extracts. We have taken the liberty of italicizing certain passages which throw light on questions of masonic law and usage.

While agreeing with Bro. Upton in very many things not necessary to be again referred to in this report, we dissent most emphatically from his advocacy of cerneauism. He professes to be of the opinion that it is a dead issue, although doing his utmost to galvanize the remains into the

semblance of vitality. We in Minnesota have had personal experience, and as it is a settled matter in this jurisdiction there is no occasion for further discussion, other than to occasionally note some of the glaring misstatements, of which the Grand Master of South Carolina furnishes a striking example.

M.: W.: A. W. Frater, Snohomish, Grand Master; R.: W.: T. M. Reed, Olympia, reëlected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1896.

The thirty-second annual communication was held at Wheeling, Nov. 10th and 11th, M.: W.: J. M. Collins, Grand Master. Ninety-eight lodges represented; one hundred and six on the roll. Ten past masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership five thousand, eight hundred, and sixty-seven; gain two hundred and eighty-five. Receipts \$4,418.30.

The portraits are of the grand master and a past grand master.

The first of the two decisions clearly indicates their genealogy:

1. Who has the right to convene a past master's lodge? Is that power not vested in the master of the lodge under which the same is holden? The worshipful master of the lodge should convene the past master's lodge, and in case of his absence the senior warden. In case of the absence of the worshipful master and senior warden, then the junior warden.

The special committee on orphans' home reported a preliminary plan, the matter being recommitted to come up again next year; a delightful banquet was tendered by the local lodges; Bro. O. S. Long discussed the Symbolism of the Masonic Apron; another edition of the text book was ordered; the Maine proposition was approved conditionally; the Wisconsin proposition was deemed inexpedient; it was resolved that no application for a charter be granted unless accompanied by a certificate from the grand lecturer that the stationed officers were duly qualified, and that it is the

sense of the grand lodge that no person should be elected to preside over a lodge unless able to confer the three degrees in an efficient manner.

The amendment giving each past grand master one full vote in the grand lodge was reported lost by the grand secretary, twenty-two lodges voting in favor and thirty-four against.

Notwithstanding his public duties as governor of the commonwealth, the grand secretary found time to prepare another of his genial reports on foreign correspondence, including a review of Minnesota for 1896 and 1897. This accounts for the non-reception of their proceedings until late in March. We quote the following:

I am greatly pleased with M. W. Grand Master C. L. Brown's address before the grand lodge.

A beautiful embroidered lambskin apron, the gift of the grand officers and other friends, was presented to the grand chaplain, Bro. L. D. Boynton, through Bro. Rev. G. H. Davis, past deputy grand master. Bro. Boynton was wholly taken by surprise, but was equal to the occasion, and accepted this token of the high regard and esteem of his friends in appropriate terms.

Bro. Irving Todd gives us an entertaining review of the most of the grand lodges of the country. The brevity of it is my principal criticism. * * * I extend thanks to Bro. Todd for his kindly review of our doings. He copies a page or more of my writings with approval.

Grand Master Lawless presided and delivered a very entertaining address.

Grand Orator L. R. Barto delivered a short, but very readable address.

The report on fraternal correspondence is the handiwork of W. Bro. Irving Todd. He succeeded in squeezing it into eighty-six pages. A page and a half of his valuable review are devoted to our state for 1895. He alludes to what we did that year, and finds no fault with us.

Bro. Atkinson says it does him good to see a brother secretary get a hot-blooded resolution of indorsement; that it would be better to stand off a candidate who can neither speak, read, nor write the English language for a few months until he can at least learn to understand what is said to him; that before being allowed membership in a lodge a brother should be as familiar with the third as with the two preced-

ing degrees; that masonry is a moral institution, not a religious society; that the Grand Master of Pennsylvania was not in the remotest degree discourteous in the Indiana controversy, an opinion that will not be very generally subscribed to; that the use of ciphers is a masonic offense; that American masonry will make a sad and serious mistake by establishing fraternal relations with the Gran Dieta; that masonic labor should be performed by a lodge while open; that the incorporation of grand lodges is an innovation; that Italian masonry is the main cause of practically unifying the Roman Catholic Church against our institution; that his rule is never do anything you don't have to; and that the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction is too antiquated and exacting for modern times.

M.: W.: B. D. Gibson, Charlestown, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. W. Atkinson, Wheeling, reelected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1897.

The fifty-third annual communication was held at Milwaukee, June 8th, 9th, and 10th, M.: W.: Aldro Jenks, Grand Master. Two hundred and thirty-two lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-seven on the roll. Ten past grand masters present, our representative among the number.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership sixteen thousand, nine hundred, and forty-six; gain five hundred and thirty-eight. Receipts \$6,942.70.

The death of Bro. G. W. Jones, their first grand pursuivant, was announced, at the age of ninety-two years.

The grand master decided that the 1895 amendment to the edict regarding physical qualifications was an infringement of the ancient landmarks, and therefore void; that a master has no power to summarily remove an appointive officer; that it is unmasonic to send out circulars calling attention to the fact that a candidate for a civil office is also a mason; and that the master has no right to demand of a member of the committee on a petition his reasons for refusing to join in a favorable report.

Bro. J. D. Vincil, of Missouri, was welcomed as a visitor; the committee on masonic relief reported progress,

three more jurisdictions having formally adopted their proposition; condemnation of the unmasonic offense of soliciting a profane to become a mason was reaffirmed; the revised constitution was adopted and ordered printed; the two new lodges were chartered; a donation of \$100 was made to the Children's Home Society; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

Bro. M. L. Youngs, grand lecturer, submitted an interesting report of his labors during the past forty years. He is not only the oldest, but also one of the most accomplished ritualists in this country.

The committee on foreign correspondence seems to have been supplanted by the committee on masonic relief, and dropped out of existence. The cover, however, gives the name of Bro. Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville, as committee on correspondence, the only reference to be found on or about the current proceedings.

M.: W.: N. C. Giffen, Fond du Lac, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. W. Laffin, Milwaukee, reelected Grand Secretary.

WYOMING, 1897.

The twenty-third annual communication was held at Rawlins, Sept. 14th, M.: W.: De Forest Richards, Grand Master. Thirteen lodges represented; fifteen on the roll. Five past grand masters present.

Two lodges consolidated. Membership ten hundred and eleven; loss twelve. Receipts \$1,146.

The portraits are of the grand master and four past grand masters.

The annual address refers to their improved conditions as follows:

I extend the hand of fellowship and brotherly love to all, feeling that there has been a marked improvement, in not only the condition of our society in this jurisdiction since our last communication, but that general conditions, which concern all our people, have improved to a marked extent during that time. For four years and more the hand of adversity has lain heavily upon our people, but the horizon now presents a brighter glow. Almost everything we have in the state of Wyoming for sale has advanced in value; business has improved on every hand; and we now have a right to

hope that there is in store for us a return of that prosperity that makes the heart glad, and which goes so far toward the improvement of our affairs and our membership, as a masonic organization.

The following was the only decision reported:

It is my opinion that no lodge should receive or entertain any petition for affiliation, unless the petition is accompanied by a certificate of dimit from the lodge of which he was last a member.

The Washington memorial exercises were referred to a special committee, with authority to act; an amendment was adopted giving the master or wardens of a lodge power to appoint proxies; thanks were extended to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for an invitation to be present at the exposition on Masonic Day; actual railroad and stage fare was voted to one representative from each lodge and the grand officers at the next annual communication; the Maine proposition was reported entirely covered by their by-laws; lodge action upon a petition unaccompanied by a dimit was declared null and void; and thanks were returned to the railroads for a reduction of rates.

The grand secretary submitted his usual carefully prepared report on correspondence. He says:

The Maine resolutions were not concurred in, the committee and grand lodge in part saying:

We are opposed to the spirit of the same, and have by precedent of this grand lodge so adopted, refused to indorse the policy of perpetual jurisdiction, either limited or unlimited.

The four last words are especially good and appropriate.

The resolution of Bro. H. R. Wells regarding insurance companies sailing under the name of masonic is none too strong to fit the case. The disease has become chronic and needs a heroic remedy. No homeopathic dose will reach it. We regret its postponement to next annual communication.

The report on correspondence is again the work of Bro. Irving Todd. Wyoming finds ample and favorable notice therein. It is an excellent report.

Bro. Kuykendall holds that a mason's avouchment should be confined to having sat in open lodge with him during the preceding year; that our masonry originated about 1717;

that a dimitted mason should affiliate only in the jurisdiction where he resides; that the regulation permitting a lodge to be opened by a past master in the absence of the master and wardens works well in that jurisdiction; and that public ceremonials will never injure the craft, if conducted in a creditable manner.

Under South Carolina he pointedly remarks:

Invasion of territory already occupied is what we as master masons have to do with the so-called higher or other degrees. We have carefully read both sides of the cerneau question, and oppose cerneauism on the ground mainly that it as a body has and is attempting to invade territory occupied by another body of the same rite. We say this from an unprejudiced standpoint, as we have not and never expect to take said degrees.

M.: W.: E. P. Rohrbaugh, Cheyenne, Grand Master; R.:
W.: W. L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, reëlected Grand Secretary.
Fraternally submitted.

IRVING TODD,
For the Committee.

Hastings, Dec. 27th, 1897.

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The Seventh annual Reunion and Feast will be held in Masonic Temple, St. Paul, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, 1899.

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FIRST SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 11, 1898.

Pursuant to notices, duly mailed to all of the members, the first session of the Sixth Annual Reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association was held this Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, 1898, in the Blue Room of Masonic Hall, at St. Paul, Minn., at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Bro. George R. Metcalf, President.

Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague, Treasurer.

Bro. Giles W. Merrill, Secretary.

Bro. Andrew P. Swanstrom, Marshal.

And a number of the brethren.

It had been announced in the notices of the meeting that the general business of the annual reunion would be transacted on Wednesday evening, the 12th. The President appointed as a committee to audit the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, Bros. Sheldon L. Frazer of Duluth, August E. Anderson of Kasson, and Benj. J. Knapp of St. Paul. Applications for membership were received from eighteen brethren, who were all duly elected. (See Roster Nos. 238 to 255 inclusive.) No further business appearing, adjourned. Receipts from eighteen petitions at \$5, \$90.

G. W. MERRILL,
Secretary.

SECOND SESSION.

St. Paul, January 12, 1898.

Pursuant to adjournment, the second session of the Sixth Annual Reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, assembled in the usual place, Wednesday evening, January 12, 1898, at 8 o'clock.

Present: Bro. George R. Metcalf, President; Bro. Benj. F. Farmer, First Vice President; Bro. Joseph H. Thompson, Second

Vice President; Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague, Treasurer; Bro. Giles W. Merrill, Secretary; Bro. Andrew P. Swanstrom, Marshal; Bro. George H. Davis, Chaplain; Bro. Wm. H. Grant, Historian; and upwards of 100 of the brethren.

Such minutes of the Association as had not been printed, and the records of the Board of Directors, held on March 1, April 1, June 1, November 27, and December 31, 1897, were read and approved. Petitions for membership were received from seventeen brethren, which were referred to the Association, as a committee of the whole, and the report being favorable, they were unanimously elected. (See Roster Nos. 256 to 270 inclusive.)

Bro. Charles Griswold applied for active membership, and was transferred from the honorary to the active list.

THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Members who had been elected to the Association since the last Annual Reunion were welcomed to full fellowship by Bro. Loren W. Collins of St. Cloud.

Venerable Brethren:

The passing of another year has brought this Association to its Sixth Annual Reunion and our worthy President has assigned to me the pleasant duty of extending a welcome to those who abide with us for the first time—those who have joined our ranks within the past twelve months.

We commence the seventh year of our existence under very favorable auspices. Uncertain as its tenure of life seemed at the outset, the Association has now the strength, vigor and prosperity of early manhood. We have steadily increased in numbers and in those material things without which no organization can prosper or even survive. Our annual meetings have proven a great success, for in them we find much food for reflection as well as much that is inspiring.

You will meet here veterans only in the ranks of Masonry—men who have served it with zeal and fidelity for upwards of a score of years—veterans in that great fraternity whose members, when together, can say as did the old monks to those who approached their monasteries: "When thou reachest our gates put up thy swords, when thou comest within our walls curb thy tongues, for indwelling here is that peace which passeth all understanding, the peace of God. This must abide in the hearts of all who tarrieth with us."

Among these veterans you will find those with whom you have been fraternally associated for many, many years. You will probably discover brethren who were present when you first entered a lodge room, and later on, when your paths were beset with many dangers. And again you will renew acquaintance with those whom you have assisted to bring to true and perfect masonic light. With

such fraternal fellowships your association with this body must prove extremely pleasant and profitable. With such loyal companions how could it be otherwise! And now, veteran brethren, in the name of the Association, I tender to each of you a most cordial reception, and, in behalf of its members, using the fitting language of the great bard, I say: "To thee and thy company I bid a hearty welcome."

The President then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Venerable Brethren:

So much of our time this evening has been assigned to others, peculiarly fitted to entertain and instruct you, I shall confine myself to those matters of general interest to the Association that our Constitution enjoins upon the President to report at the Annual Reunion.

NECROLOGY.

And first of all, let us recall to memory and briefly review the lives and services of our honored dead:

DANIEL BENJAMIN SMITH,

An active member, signer of the call, and founder, died at his home in Austin, Sept. 30, 1896. This was previous to our last meeting, but the fact was not reported to the Association until late in the winter. Brother Smith was born in Novi, Mich., Dec. 26, 1836. Of New England and revolutionary stock, he was educated in the State Normal School of Michigan, and followed the profession of teaching until his removal to Austin in 1871. There he commenced a commercial career, which he pursued with great success for the remainder of his life. In 1875 he was elected president of the city council, a position which now corresponds to that of mayor. He was president of the school board, of the board of trade, and was the founder of some of the most important business enterprises in the city. He was made a Master Mason in Commerce Lodge, No. 121, of Commerce, Mich., July 21, 1864; was a Royal Arch Mason of Austin Royal Arch Chapter, No. 14; was the organizer of Austin Council, No. 7, R.° and S.° M.°, and was one of the prime movers and founders of St. Bernard Commandery, No. 13, K.° T.°, of which he was the first Commander, a position which he held for four terms. He had held the office of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Commandery of K.° T.°. With the imposing and solemn ritual of their order he was buried in Austin on Saturday, Oct. 3, 1896, three of the six bearers being active members of this Association.

FREDERICH RICHTER,

An active member, was born in Germany, Feb. 3, 1838. Coming to America a few years before the war, he settled in Milwaukee, and at the outbreak of hostilities he enlisted in the First Wisconsin Cavalry, serving his adopted country faithfully for upwards of three years. In the early seventies he came to St. Paul from Milwaukee and engaged in active business until 1880, when he became engrossed in politics, which occupied his attention more or less for the remainder of his life. For six years he was sheriff of Ramsey county; was an alderman of St. Paul for three years, and was a member of the legislature for one term. Whatever public position he filled he filled it to the satisfaction of his constituents. He was made a Master Mason in Milwaukee Lodge, No. 3, Jan. 30, 1865, from which lodge he dimitted Jan. 15, 1872, and was admitted to membership in Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, May 9, 1872. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar. After a lingering illness from a cancerous affection, he died on the morning of April 23, 1897, and was buried by Damascus Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar.

LUTHER ZOAN ROGERS,

An active member, signer of the call, and founder, was born in Brewer, Me., May 22, 1837; was educated in Rhode Island, and after three years of business training in Boston came to Minnesota in 1857 and settled in Waterville, where he resided until his death, April 27, 1897. The history of Waterville may be said to be the development of the business life of Brother Rogers. He held and faithfully filled nearly every office of public trust within the gift of his fellow citizens. As postmaster, president of the village council, and board of education, representative and senator in the state legislature, whatever he attempted to do, he did well and to the acceptance of all. At the earliest possible age he became a Mason. He was raised in Faribault Lodge, No. 9, Sept. 14, 1858, only leaving it to become a charter member of Sakatah Lodge, No. 32, at Waterville, and over which he was subsequently Master. He was at the time of his death a member of Waterville Chapter, No. 56, R.: A.: M.:, Faribault Commandery, No. 8, K.: T.:, of which he was Past Eminent Commander; of Minneapolis Consistory, No 2, and of Zuhrah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. He was Past High Priest both of Waseca Chapter, No 26, R. A. M. and of Waterville Chapter, No. 56, R. A. M.; was Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of K.: T.: His funeral services were conducted by Past Grand Master Denny, and the escort was formed by Faribault Commandery, No. 8.

NEWTON McFADDEN,

An active member, was a Pennsylvanian, and was born Nov. 28, 1850. Beyond his masonic record we have no information, save that he was a druggist and resided at Brainerd. He was made a Master Mason in Aurora Lodge, No. 100, Oct. 16, 1874, and in due time he became Master of his lodge. He was a member of Brainerd Chapter, No. 42, R.: A.: M.: of Zabud Council, No. 10, R.: and S.: M.: and of Ascalon Commandery, No 16, K.: T.: He had been King of his chapter and Captain General of his commandery. He died July 25, 1897.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Notice was received from the Secretary of the National Association in September, requesting delegates from our Association to meet with the National Association in Baltimore Oct. 12, 1897. Two of our members were present. The attendance was meager. Beyond the election of the old corps of officers, little or no business was transacted. The Veteran Association of Maryland, I am informed, extended a hearty welcome to all Veterans present. The next meeting is to be at Cincinnati in 1900. While it may be premature to assert that the National Association is dead beyond the hope of resurrection, from this distant point of view it would seem to have fallen into the same grave and through the action of the same causes as the movement to inaugurate a National Grand Lodge some decades ago.

SURVIVING FOUNDER OF THE GRAND LODGE.

That Bro. Henry Nolan Setzer, Past Deputy Grand Master, of Stillwater, died outside the bonds of this Association will never cease to cause me regret. Brother Setzer was at the time of his death, on the eighth of this month, the oldest living initiate of a Minnesota lodge. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason in St. Paul Lodge U.: D.: , Nov. 5, 1849, having been preceded by only three brethren, Charles P. Scott, D. B. Loomis, and A. M. Mitchell, of whom none are living. He was also the oldest living Past Master. One year ago I had fully determined to recommend him to honorary membership, and to atone for that omission this year, only a few days before his death I sent him the necessary blank to fill out for the purpose. I had hoped to have the historical papers to be read this evening introduced by one on the early history of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, the oldest chartered lodge in the state. No one was so competent to undertake this task as Brother Setzer, for he

was one of its founders and its second Master. In reply to my suggestion and invitation he wrote under date of Dec. 10, 1897: "It will be entirely impossible for me to write the history of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, from the beginning before your meeting at the time of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. I regret exceedingly to disappoint you, but my own health requires me to delay any communication that I have to make until about the first of February." Alas! the active brain is at rest; the busy hand is stilled forever, and the wealth of knowledge in his possession regarding the early history of the development of Masonry in Minnesota and the events that led to the founding of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, is irretrievably lost.

By the death of Brother Setzer, Bro. Charles Thomas Stearns, Past Senior Grand Warden, now a resident of New Orleans, becomes the sole survivor of the founders of the Grand Lodge. Brother Stearns was ninety-one years old on the ninth day of this month and until within a year was in the enjoyment of all of his faculties, and it might be said for one of his age he was in vigorous health. Soon after the celebration of his ninetieth birthday he fell, and six months afterwards an attack of paralysis supervened. His mental powers are still intact, and he remembers with vivid pleasure his connection with the early growth of Freemasonry in this state. We would honor ourselves by having at least one of the names of the founders of the Grand Lodge on our roster, and since from the nature of the case we can have but one, it would seem unnecessary to more than suggest that we elect our venerable brother to honorary membership.

In the "Jubilee" issue of the *London Freemason* Bro. William James Hughan of Torquay, England, has written an interesting paper on Masonic Veteran Associations, in which he has given full measure of appreciation to that of Minnesota. It would be a waste of time to speak of the distinguished labors that Brother Hughan has lavished for years upon the craft. They are known to all who keep abreast with the literature of the fraternity. Brother Hughan has within a few months sent our association an exact reproduction of the "Macnab Masonic MS.," A. D. 1722. As a slight return for these courtesies and above all as a recognition of his labors in elucidating many a knotty problem in masonic history, I beg leave to suggest that he be likewise added to our honorary roll.

A MEMENTO OF 1856.

The first public appearance of the masonic fraternity in the Northwest was on St. John's Day, 1856. Sometime previously an application was made by the chairman of the executive committee of the Minnesota Historical Society to the then Grand Master, Brother Pierson, to lay the corner stone of their proposed building, corner of West Tenth and Wabasha streets, according to masonic

usage. Brother Pierson says: "Having antiquity to sustain me, and believing a public display would be advantageous to the craft, I summoned them to assist me. Every lodge was represented, some of the brethren coming 150 miles to be present. Advantage was taken of there being so many members present (over 200), to lay on the same day the corner stone of our building, corner of Fourth and Wabasha streets." Up to the present time "our building" is the merest figment of a dream, while the corner stone of the Historical Society is still resting *in statu quo*, the walls never having risen upon the work so well begun over forty-one years ago. On that occasion the home-made regalia and tin jewels of the Grand Lodge gave place to a new outfit just received from New York.

Bro. Lott Moffet, the third Master of old St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, and one of the most striking characters in the Territory, acted as Grand Tyler, and carried at both ceremonials the open Bible, Square and Compasses. The Square and Compasses were the private property of Brother Pierson, and after their employment on that memorable day they were consigned to the care of Mrs. Pierson, in whose possession they have remained until this evening, and who presents them now to the Veteran Association as a memento of that first public masonic celebration, with the request, should the Masons of St. Paul or the state ever erect an edifice devoted to masonic purposes and which might be rightfully called 'our building,' these historic working tools may be again placed on the open Bible and carried by the Grand Tyler at the laying of the corner stone.

THE GOOSE AND GRIDIRON.

Whatever may be the truth in regard to the origin of Masonry, whether it had developed before or came into being at or after the building of King Solomon's temple, whether it is to be considered as a simple evolution from the Guilds of the Stonecutters of the Middle Ages, or whether certain men who denominated themselves Hermetic Philosophers used the organization to conceal their doctrines and to afford them the opportunity to meet unmolested beneath the shadow of its name, one fact stands out clearly and beyond dispute, that Masonry was revived and the system of government by Grand Lodges was instituted in 1717.

In that year the four lodges in London "met:

1. At the *Goose and Gridiron* Alehouse in *St. Paul's Church-Yard*.
2. At the *Crown* Alehouse, in *Parker's-Lane*, near *Drury Lane*.
3. At the *Apple-Tree* Tavern in *Charles-Street*, *Covent Garden*.
4. At the *Rummer and Grapes* Tavern, in *Channel-Row*, *Westminster*.

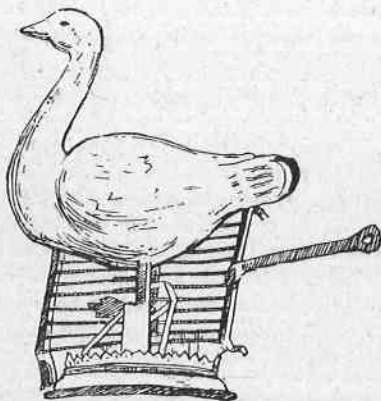
They and some old Brothers met, forthwith revived the *Quarterly Communication* of the *Officers* of Lodges (called the *GRAND LODGE*) and resolved to hold the *Annual ASSEMBLY and Feast*, and then to chuse a *GRAND MASTER* from among themselves.

Accordingly, on *St. John Baptist's Day*, in the 3d year of King GEORGE I., A. D. 1717, the ASSEMBLY and *Feast of the Free and Accepted Masons* was held at the foresaid *Goose and Gridiron Alehouse*.

Before dinner, the Brethren by a Majority of Hands elected MR. ANTHONY SAYER, Gentleman, *Grand Master of Masons*."

The old records show that this Alehouse was the yearly meeting place of the mother Grand Lodge up to and including the year 1720.

Before the Great Fire of 1666, on or near the site subsequently occupied by our historic alehouse, the first music house erected in London stood. According to the *Taller*, "When the house ceased to



be a music house, the succeeding landlord, to ridicule its former destiny, chose for his sign a goose striking a gridiron with its foot, thus making fun of 'the Swan and Harp,' which was the common sign of the early music houses." Another writer states: "It would appear the house was the headquarters of a musical society, whose arms was the lyre of Apollo with a swan as the crest; that the device was appropriated as the new sign when the house

was rebuilt after the fire, and that it was nicknamed by vulgar and unsophisticated persons 'The Goose and Gridiron,' the nickname sticking fast, just as nicknames will."

The other homes of the early London lodges have long since disappeared. But it was only a few years ago that "The Goose and Gridiron" made way before the inexorable demands of London growth. Seeing a note in an English publication of the probable destruction of this famous house, I besought the good offices of our brother and honorary member, G. W. Speth of London, to secure some relic from its ruins. Under date of May 31, 1897, he writes: "I have sent a small piece of oak from 'The Goose and Gridiron.' The peculiarity of the old house was that there was hardly any oak employed in its construction. All we could find were two or three pieces, and for these there was a regular scramble." That piece of oak was safely received and under seal, and I have had it fashioned into a gavel; and the gavel, suitably inscribed as to its origin and date, I herewith present to the Association for the use of its presiding officer and his successors. From no other source since the recorded history of the fraternity began, could we have obtained a relic of greater interest, and I trust our Brother Speth will accept

this public acknowledgment of our appreciation of its worth as a slight compensation for his time and trouble.

Somewhere I have seen the statement that what Rome is to the Catholic and Mecca is to the follower of the Prophet, London is to the Freemason. May it not be added, what St. Peter's is to Rome, and the Kaaba is to Mecca, so "The Goose and Gridiron" ought to have been to every member of the fraternity when in London on a masonic pilgrimage; for there, if anywhere on earth, the shades of MR. ANTHONY SAYER, Gentleman; GEORGE PAYNE, Esq., and JOHN THEOPHILUS DESAGULIERS, LL. D. and F. R. S., the first three Grand Masters of a now mighty host, may have returned from another sphere!

The thanks of the Association were voted to Mrs. Pierson and Brother Speth for the very valuable relics presented to the Association. Bro. John C. Munro presented a photograph of the building in which the first lodge meetings were held in St. Cloud, in 1856, and for several years thereafter.

Bro. Charles Thomas Stearns, the only survivor of those who participated in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, now living in Louisiana, was unanimously elected to honorary membership.

Bro. William James Hughan of Torquay, England, was also elected to honorary membership, in recognition of his valuable services to the fraternity as a Masonic Historian and Archæologist.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

The report of the Secretary was read, showing the membership and receipts for the year 1897 to be as follows:

Active members January 1, 1897.....	192
Added during the year.....	38
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	230
Died since the last report.....	4
*Expelled from his lodge for unmasonic conduct.....	1
*Suspended by his lodge for unmasonic conduct.....	1
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*As per records in the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Honorary members	20
Total membership January 1, 1898.....	244
The receipts for the year 1897 have been—	
Fees from thirty-eight petitions at \$5.....	\$190.00
Fees from two petitions unpaid at last report.....	10.00
Total receipts	\$200.00
Eight orders drawn (Nos. 41 to 48).....	171.18
Excess of receipts over expenditures.....	\$28.82
The Treasurer submitted his report, showing—	
Balance on hand January 1, 1897.....	\$106.35
Received during the year.....	200.00
Total	\$306.35
Disbursements (Warrants 41 to 48).....	171.18
Cash on hand January 1, 1898.....	\$135.17

This amount is deposited to the credit of the Association in the Second National Bank of St. Paul.

Both reports were referred to the Auditing Committee, which afterwards reported as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota:

Your committee appointed to audit the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer would respectfully report, that they have examined the bank book and vouchers with the Treasurer's report, and find that the balances as stated agree with the Secretary's report. The bank books show a balance in bank, January 1, 1898, of \$135.17, as is also shown by the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted ,

S. L. FRAZER,

AUGUST E. ANDERSON,

BENJ. J. KNAPP,

Committee.

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR 1898.

The following brethren were duly elected officers of the Association for the ensuing year:

For President, Bro. Geo. R. Metcalf of St. Paul.

For First Vice President, Bro. Benj. F. Farmer of Spring Valley.

For Second Vice President, Bro. Joseph H. Thompson of Minneapolis.

For Treasurer, Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague of St. Paul.
For Secretary, Bro. Giles W. Merrill of St. Paul.
For Marshal, Bro. Andrew P. Swanstrom of St. Paul.
Bro. Geo. H. Davis of Mankato was appointed Chaplain.
Bro. Wm. H. Grant of Sandstone was appointed Historian.

THE ANNUAL FEAST.

The brethren to the number of one hundred and sixteen then repaired to the banquet room, and celebrated in the usual manner the Sixth Annual Feast.

Subsequently pipes were lighted and the exercises were as follows:

In reply to the toast to "The M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Minnesota," M.: W.: Bro. Calvin L. Brown, P.: G.: M.:, of Morris, spoke:

Mr. President and Venerable Brethren:

The organization of St. Paul Lodge, at St. Paul, was the first introduction of Masonry in the territory now comprising the state of Minnesota. A dispensation for that lodge was issued by the Grand Master of Ohio on Aug. 8, 1849. It continued to work under that authority until 1852, when its connection with the parent Grand Lodge was dissolved and it passed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Notwithstanding, it was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Ohio in October, 1852, and the charter was duly accepted. St. John's Lodge at Stillwater was next established. A dispensation for this lodge was issued by the Grand Master of Wisconsin on Oct. 12, 1850. In 1852 the Grand Master of Illinois issued a dispensation for Cataract Lodge at St. Anthony Falls, and a charter was granted it the same year. These lodges are the pioneers of the state and first introduced Masonry in the old territory. Some of the most prominent members of the fraternity were initiated, passed and raised within their halls. That their work has been good work and true work is evidenced by the fact that they are still with us, and are numbered among the prominent lodges of the state. They have not only the honor of having introduced Masonry into this part of the Northwest, but the additional honor and distinction of being the foundation of our M.: W.: Grand Lodge. On Feb. 23, 1853, their officers met in convention at St. Paul, organized the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, elected and installed its officers, and thus set in motion the machinery of a new grand lodge jurisdiction.

It has been said that prior to the year 1717 there were no Grand Lodges. Grand Masters were known, but Grand Lodges were not. Whether Grand Lodges in fact existed prior to that year is something of a disputed question among masonic writers I shall not attempt to settle. It is certain, however, that for a good many years immediately prior to the year named, masonic lodges in England

were wholly independent of each other, and there was no Grand Lodge having supervision or control over them. The members of the local lodges held annual assemblies at which a Grand Master was chosen, but no Grand Lodge was formed until 1717. The Grand Lodge system was then inaugurated in that country, spread to other countries, and has since been the fountain head of organized Masonry the world over.

Since the organization of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota it has flourished and prospered and its growth and advancement has corresponded with the growth and advancement of the state. Many changes have taken place in its membership. Many of those who have been its most prominent and honored members have gone to the Lodge above, and many have ceased to reside within the state. Human affairs are ever changing, and must so continue until time shall end.

It is interesting to study the intellectual progress of the human family since the date history furnishes any light on the subject, and to note the gradual advancement in matters of religion, government, science, literature and art from the earliest period to the present day. As far as we have any history concerning the condition and habits of the early people, we find lack of intelligence and civilization the rule, instincts of nature the education, and war an apparent recreation. From this condition there has been a gradual improvement. We note at a very early day that the father was the lord and king in his household, and knew no law other than his own will and pleasure. Later we find the existence of tribal relations, formed by the banding together of several families with a chosen chief; and still later, and as nature improved the people, and time and experiences changed their necessities and wants, governments were formed. A look into ancient Egypt brings to light a people of great intelligence and skill, living ages and ages ago, whose actual history is lost. This people gradually rose from an inferior state to a high degree of civilization, and then degenerated and returned from whence it came. Not from recorded history do we learn this, but monuments and structures left by them prove conclusively that none but a highly enlightened people could have planned or erected them. The pyramids and other monuments are all we need to satisfy us that a great people, whose full history is lost, once inhabited that country. At the date of our own recorded history they appear venerable with age. The great pyramid was constructed over 3,400 years before the birth of Christ, and was 1,800 years old when Jacob went down into that country in search of his lost son Joseph.

The people of to-day are living in an age of gigantic learning and enlightenment, and we sometimes wonder whether we have not reached the highest point, and whether the time to turn on a downward trip has not come. Who knows but that far off future ages will be of less intelligence than we of to-day, or of greater intelli-

gence in other directions, and wonder at our works as we wonder and marvel at the works of the ancient Egyptians. The history of the world shows the rise and fall of many hundreds of nations and governments. The Egypt of to-day is not the Egypt we see in its ruins and monuments; to-day we inquire in vain for the Ionian Confederacy and its marvelous culture, and it is long since that Rome ruled the world.

It is interesting, too, to study the history of the rise and progress of the society of Freemasons. It first made its appearance on the American continent, so far as history informs us, by some sort of lodge formations at Philadelphia about the year 1730. Though perhaps not organized pursuant to any proper authority, the evidence is sufficiently strong to warrant the statement that lodge meetings were then held in that city at which degrees were conferred and Masons made in due form. The first subordinate lodge formed under proper written authority was organized in Massachusetts in 1733. Soon after the formal introduction of Masonry into the country, the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland commissioned Grand Masters for the several provinces, and authorized the formation of Grand Lodge jurisdictions therein. From 1730 to 1777 the order was under the full authority and control of such Grand Lodges. In 1777 the Masons of Massachusetts in convention assembled resolved that the Grand Lodge of that state ought to be free and independent. Suiting the action accordingly, all connection with the Grand Lodge of England, their parent Grand Lodge, was declared dissolved, and the first independent Grand Lodge in this country was duly organized and started on its career. Other Grand Lodge jurisdictions soon followed the lead of Massachusetts, and it was not many years before all relations and connection with the parent Grand Lodges were severed, except those relations of friendship and brotherly love which should never be severed between Masons or masonic institutions.

The general history of the society, up to a comparatively recent period, like the history of the early people of the world, is involved in much darkness and confusion. Much of its early history is written by men clothed with enthusiasm for the order rather than learning, and as a result romance and fable are recorded as facts. Dozens of theories are advanced by as many different writers and there is little harmony between them. Dr. Mackey says: "The origin and source whence first sprang the institution of Freemasonry has given rise to more difference of opinion and discussion among masonic scholars than any other topic in the literature of the institution." Time will not permit of any mention of the different theories on this subject; suffice it to say that we know and believe that the society, though perhaps not in its present form, has existed from time immemorial. It comes to us from the remote past, and will continue into the remote and unknown future. The principles on

which it is founded came with intelligent man, but the organized society made its appearance at a much later period. Founded as it is upon the principles of equality among men, and waging a constant warfare of truth against falsehood, justice against oppression and injustice, morality against depravity, its mission is a grand one and its permanence assured. Governments may rise and governments may fall, but Masonry will remain. Unhurt by their fall, or by the struggles of revolutions, it will stand as firm as the mighty rock around whose base the giant ocean beats without effect. Advancing day by day and year by year in the prosecution of its noble work of friendship, morality and brotherly love, it lifts its grand and glorious hoary head to demand and receive the homage and respect of the whole world.

The first historical paper of the evening was presented by Bro. William P. Roberts of Minneapolis, giving an account of

OUR FIRST LODGE WEST OF THE "MISSISSIPPI."

(Hennepin Lodge, No. 4.)

Venerable Brethren:

The common desire of the average man is for a closer bond of union with his fellows. The cement which unites Masons is such a bond. This human impulse for society, upon which to depend in trial, finds no better exemplification than is presented in the first masonic lodge formed west of the Mississippi river, north of Dubuque. That lodge was Hennepin, No. 4, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The future city at the Falls, in 1853, had only just been named. It was, as yet, not even a paper town, for the few squatters were interlopers—trespassers—on the government reservation and had no rights which either government or Indians needed to respect. There were, perhaps, half a dozen houses and no streets—only Indian trails and bear paths. It had no postoffice. The scattering settlers usually obtained their mail from the top of the hat of the then Grand Master of Minnesota,—Dr. Alfred Elisha Ames. He was actually the first regular mail carrier of Minneapolis,—without salary, of course. He brought the mail daily on his return from professional duties at St. Anthony (now the East Division of Minneapolis). In this then new world, at 7 o'clock p. m. on June 1st, 1853, the few pioneer Masons of that frontier settlement met at the house of Dr. Ames to talk over the propriety of forming "a lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons." Dr. Ames' house was then on Fifth street, near what is now Ninth avenue South—the old Court House block recently abandoned. It still stands near the same spot. The result of that evening's deliberations was a petition for a dispensation to form and open a masonic lodge in Minneapolis. Recommendation was requested of Cataract Lodge, No. 2, "at

St. Anthony," of which lodge the ten petitioners were all members. "At St. Anthony" has a far away sound. It was then in another county. "Cataract" was itself only sixteen months old. But the "parent" lodge at the Falls was then, as it has ever continued to be, equal to the masonic demands upon it. It heartily and promptly granted the request for recommendation and, as a further token of its fraternal regard, voted that its Treasurer should "pay the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for the dispensation granted to our well beloved brethren." St. Anthony was but a straggling village. No fault perhaps could have been found if the brethren of "Cataract" had withheld consent to a proposition which must necessarily take from it so many prominent members and thereafter cut off much needed and tributary masonic territory. That consent was given with such hearty good will, is a new landmark of Minnesota Masonry, which it is safe to record is without parallel. Masons of later generations upon proper occasion, may well imitate the fraternal example here set and certainly cannot too greatly honor and venerate the unselfishness of these our own "original rulers and patrons."

Whether it were quite so wise to imitate the temerity of the founders of Hennepin Lodge may be another question. It is scarcely conceivable to-day that ten Master Masons could have been found in that Minneapolis settlement of 1853. History records the fact that even a year later there were but a dozen dwellings in that frontier hamlet, and they scattered three miles up and down the river, from Twentieth avenue North to Twenty-fifth avenue South, like farm houses,—which in fact they were. With our superior hindsight, as citizens of a thriving city of hundreds of thousands of souls, to-day we must grant that the hardy pioneers who "petitioned," as well as those who so generously "recommended" that petition, were broadminded masonic statesmen, whose keen prophetic vision must have been filled with the superb destiny of our great, prosperous North Star State and of its busy and beautiful metropolis.

The petitioners for the new lodge were Daniel M. Coolbaugh, Joseph N. Barber, Eben A. Hodsdon, Emanuel Case, Isaac Brown, Edward Murphy, Anson Northrop, Alfred C. Godfrey, Andrew Lindsey Cummings and Chessman Gould. Coolbaugh, Barber, Hodsdon, Case and Brown, at least, were Master Masons before coming to Minnesota, and most, if not all, of them had been Masters of lodges in other jurisdictions. All were in the prime of life. Coolbaugh and Cummings were natives of Pennsylvania. The latter was said to have been a blacksmith, but in Minnesota was a lumberman; the former was an "operative" as well as "speculative" Mason, and he continued to be a leading contractor until his death in 1866. Cummings was a bachelor, and has been dead a score of years. Barber was born in New York and was a farmer, so far as known. Case and Northrop were also natives of New York. The former came here from California and opened a store in St. Anthony; the latter

was a hotel-keeper and entitled to be known as the pioneer in that line in Minneapolis, though his house was not formally advertised as a hotel. Hodsdon, Brown, Godfrey and Gould were from Maine. Hodsdon was a Universalist preacher, Brown a farmer, Godfrey a Methodist preacher, and Gould a carpenter and builder. Murphy was born in New Jersey and had no trade that is recorded.

All of them except Cummings and Gould were in fact necessarily "farmers," in the new community. For we must not forget that they were "squatter" sovereigns, waiting for the opening of the reservation and an opportunity to prove up "farm claims," and thereafter make them into the Minneapolis of to-day. In fact Coolbaugh's claim house was located where the Judd house now stands on Fifth street and Sixth avenue South; Barber lived first, it is stated, in the center of the block between First and Second avenues South and Washington avenue and Third street; Hodsdon's claim was east and south of the Milwaukee shops; Case's was on the river bank, just north of Plymouth avenue; Brown's was at the southwesterly corner of Third avenue South and Sixth street,—the house now standing there, being, it is said, an exact copy of the one he built, which latter was replaced by an insurance company after being burned; Murphy's was down the river near the present Riverside park; Northrop's was on the block opposite the Occidental mill, corner First street and Fourth avenue South, and was evidently a center for all sorts of gatherings in the early times. The first court was held there. Godfrey's was near the river and Tenth avenue South. Cummings had a claim about Twelfth avenue South, and perhaps Sixth street, but did not hold it long. Gould does not appear to have located a claim. Most of these brothers are already with the Grand Lodge on High. The last, who maintained connection with "Hennepin" two score years and until his death, was Anson Northrop. He was buried by and from the lodge in 1894. Bro. Daniel M. Coolbaugh was the only other to maintain membership during his life, and he, too, was buried with masonic honors in 1866,—generally regretted. Hodsdon is still living, but outside of our institution and under a masonic cloud, which many of his pioneer brethren will not admit he justly deserved. He was admitted to be an eloquent and able man. Barber became a charter member of Monticello Lodge, No. 16. During his short stay in Minneapolis he was influential and prominent in public affairs. Gould was known as a clean, reputable citizen. He served with distinction in the Union army during the War of the Rebellion, participating in many battles. He removed to St. Cloud, Minn., affiliated with North Star Lodge, No. 23, and died March 4, 1887, at Santa Cruz, Cal.

After this digression: the dispensation requested by the conference held in the house of the Grand Master, was granted, as a matter of course, by the latter. It bears date June 21st, 1853, and authorizes the foregoing petitioners "to form and open a lodge

after the manner of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to be known as Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, and therein to admit and make Free Masons according to the ancient custom and not otherwise." It was the first dispensation granted in the masonic jurisdiction of Minnesota. The Grand Master evidently entertained no doubt that the petitioners would be found of approved capacity to work, when the Grand Lodge should meet, for he at once gave them a "number" instead of the usual designation "U.: D.:" Daniel M. Coolbaugh was named as first Worshipful Master, Joseph N. Barber first Senior Warden and Eben A. Hodsdon first Junior Warden. This lodge was the first organization in Minneapolis to maintain meetings regularly from its formation. A church had been organized a month earlier, but its meetings were soon suspended and for a number of years.

The lodge held its first meeting "U.: D.:" at the house of its Worshipful Master before mentioned. That house was subsequently moved to and is still standing on the west side of Park avenue, the second house south of Fourteenth street. It is a one-story structure, in good repair. The date of the first meeting was June 23, 1853. Col. John H. Stevens (the first settler in Minneapolis, and then, as he had been the first, Secretary of Cataract Lodge), acted as Secretary *pro tem* and signed the first minutes. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Dr. Ames, with becoming humility and utilitarian condescension, served as first Tyler.

It was bordering on the heated term, but the new lodge proceeded to business. Brother Murphy came primed with a set of by-laws. Their adoption was the first formal act of the lodge. The stated meetings were to occur on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, "at Masonic Hall." With but half a dozen houses in the hamlet, and they illegally there, our pioneers promptly planned for a "hall." Elections were to occur on St. John the Evangelist's Day, at 6 P. M., and installation was to follow the same night. Fancy our lodges to-day getting together at "early candle light" for election! Six o'clock was, besides, the customary hour for meetings. Our elder brothers preferred safe return home to late hours. The hour of meetings was evidently to guard against the contingency of stumbling along a dark and lonely homeward pathway, and of possibly meeting a bear, cheek to cheek and mouth to ear, if not upon the square. It was before the era of paved streets, sidewalks and electric cars. These by-laws set the high-water mark of masonic conduct, by a provision that no candidate was to be recommended who was of "intemperate" habits or "guilty of profane swearing;" and that any brother seen intoxicated was to be, for the *first* offense, reprimanded; for the *second*, suspended, and for the *third*, expelled "*instantly*." Let us hope our pioneers were able to live up to their high standards and that these by-laws were more than empty words.

Col. Emanuel Case was appointed Treasurer and Edward Murphy and Anson Northrop, as both S.: D.: and J.: D.: and S.: S.:

and J.: S.: Rev. Bro. Godfrey was Chaplain. The secretaryship was not filled. Subsequent events are a hint that the position was designedly left vacant, while the new lodge "made" a Mason to fill it. The petition of Sweet W. Case, son of Colonel Case, was presented the first night, and he received his Master Mason's degree at the third meeting of the lodge, July 23, 1853. His petition was the first, and he received the first masonic degree ever conferred, it is said, in all the present mighty empire lying north of Dubuque and west of the Father of Waters to the Pacific ocean. He was at once appointed *first* Secretary of the lodge. Bro. Case was then 37 years of age. Though born in New York, he came to Minnesota from Toledo, Ohio. He joined his father in opening the St. Anthony store. That store was not long continued, for both father and son, having decided to cast their lots with the west side, were compelled to stick closely to the claims each had selected and built upon. As before stated, the father's claim was in North Minneapolis. The son's was in the neighborhood of Powderhorn Lake, where he lived when he was made a Mason. His petition was carried in by Bro. Coolbaugh, who was in the habit of passing the Case house on the way to Fort Snelling, at which place Coolbaugh was then doing some building. Our records show Sweet W. Case to have been a "clerk" rather than a farmer. He was the first "clerk" of the United States District Court for the Territory of Minnesota at Minneapolis. He is, and has been, a highly respected, worthy and intelligent citizen of Minneapolis.

The early ambition of the brethren of Hennepin for a hall was not soon realized. That they were not to be easily discouraged is evidenced by the fact that they put up with the discomfort of knocking about from one private house to another for many months, before the real hall was provided. The second meeting was held in the Most Worshipful Grand Master's house. The records fail to show where the third was held. Bro. Sweet W. Case says the lodge visited St. Anthony to confer his M.: M.:s degree and that it was made quite an occasion, with the assistance of our late Bro. Maj. Geo. A. Camp, Judge Atwater and other members of "Cataract," as principal masters of the ceremony. Bro. Case does not remember in whose house that important event took place. This migration across the rapid river to the territory of "Cataract," possibly explains the silence of the minutes as to the place of that third meeting. The lodge adjourned to meet at Bro. Coolbaugh's, but the fourth meeting found itself in the house of Bro. Anson Northrop "on the bank of the river near the brink of the falls." There it continued to meet for about a year. June 30, 1854, \$30 was voted "Sister Northrop in part payment for use of a lodge room." The same night a committee was appointed to secure a suitable meeting place. Evidently Bro. Anson Northrop's good wife had stood post as sentinel for the brethren or regularly made Saturday evening calls upon her neighbors,

until it had ceased to be a convenience to either herself or the brethren. Aug. 19, 1854, another committee was raised to devise plans for the "erection of a building for a masonic hall." Outside the prophetic intimations of the by-laws first adopted, this was the initial movement in Minneapolis to realize the longings of Masons then, and for nearly two-score years afterwards, for a masonic temple. The lodge in the meantime continued to meet at Bro. Northrop's, until Sept. 23, 1854, when, pursuant to action taken at the preceding meeting, it met in Bro. Isaac I. Lewis' "dwelling." That house stood where Bro. Harlow A. Gale subsequently built the first market house in Minneapolis,—the northwesterly corner of Hennepin avenue and First street,—where the Northrop, King & Co.'s seed store now stands. The vote to move was to accept the Lewis house two months and then occupy a hall in "Bro. John Jackins' new brick building until such time as we find it convenient to build." The Lewis house was found inconvenient for "labor" and none was attempted. Nov. 4 and 11, 1854, the lodge met at Brother Coolbaugh's again, but his accommodations were no better, and "work" was suspended. At last, on Nov. 24, 1854, the brethren, after eighteen months of weary sojourning, were made supremely happy, to find themselves "at home" in the new Jackins building just mentioned. That was the first brick business block built in Minneapolis. It stood on the southeasterly corner of First street and Nicollet avenue until burned down, when the present frame saloon building of Chris Goehringer took its place. This was the first real masonic hall under masonic control in what is to-day the city of Minneapolis. In this hall the lodge continued to meet for more than three years,—until Jan. 13, 1858,—when it moved to Mr. Woodman's hall, northwesterly corner of Helen street (Second avenue South) and Washington avenue, where in a slightly changed condition, it is now known as "St. James Hotel." The lodge remained in Woodman's hall eight years, until Jan. 9, 1867. It then occupied "Masonic Hall" in Bro. Loren Fletcher's stone block, which is still standing on the easterly side of Bridge Square and is known as No. 109 and No. 111 Nicollet avenue. There it stayed until January, 1876. On the first meeting of the year 1876 it was found in the new and elegant masonic hall at Nos. 118 and 120 Hennepin avenue, opposite the old City Hall, built by R. W. Brother Joseph H. Thompson, the present and for long time Grand Treasurer of our Grand Lodge. For over fourteen years it continued to meet in the last named place, until April 9, 1890, when the long ago dream of our masonic fathers was at last realized in the completion of the splendid masonic temple at the northwesterly corner of Hennepin avenue and Sixth street, into which, with Minneapolis Lodge, No. 19, and Khurum Lodge, No. 112, it then removed and there has since met.

Masonic petitions were not very thick during the year 1853. Settlers were not yet numerous, as before hinted. Those upon the west

side of the river were, during that year and for months afterwards, unable to even give written contracts for future deeds to new settlers, because it would invalidate their right to perfect their own claims when the reservation should eventually be thrown open for settlement. But from the handful of squatters four Master Masons were "made" by the lodge under dispensations: Sweet W. Case, Albert N. Hoyt, David P. Spafford and Thomas Chambers. Other degrees had been conferred on Joel B. Bassett and Alexander Moore. Hoyt was by trade a mason from the State of Maine and was the first to be raised to the Master Masons' degree in the then Minneapolis, and west of the Mississippi river in the Northwest. Spafford was from Canada and was the first storekeeper in Hennepin county. Chambers was the first storekeeper in Minneapolis. He was afterwards a charter member of "Monticello" Lodge, No. 16. Bassett and Moore became and are to-day among the best known and most prominent citizens of our state. A large area of a very populous portion of Minneapolis is in additions bearing their names.

The work of the lodge U. N. D. was found to have been up to the M. W. Grand Master's expectations when the Grand Lodge convened in January, 1854, and a charter—the first from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota—was granted. On Jan. 9, 1854, Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, A. F. A. M. was publicly and duly consecrated and dedicated "in the upper parlor of Bro. Anson Northrop," in ample form by the M. W. Grand Master, assisted by many, afterwards, well known men and Masons from Cataract Lodge and from St. Paul. The ceremony was followed by refreshments, served by "Brother and Sister Northrop," and by speeches. This was the first banquet ever held by white men in the future city of Minneapolis. It cost \$50, of which amount nine of the brethren contributed \$3 each, at the next meeting of the lodge.

The early records of the lodge afford a most refreshing sign of the fraternal interest taken in this frontier lodge by surrounding Masons. It is quite possible that the visitations were mutual and that no one of the few lodges was treated better than another. Not a meeting passed without the presence of some visiting brother, usually several. This was before the time of bridges and the rapid river,—and it was rapid then for a thousand feet above the falls,—must usually be crossed in canoes. It was an undertaking of no extraordinary moment in the daytime, but of considerable peril at night. Only brave men, in love with our institution, would constantly take the hazard. That they did, again most forcibly impresses one with the fact that there must have been an ever-present and genuine yearning for the sort of fraternity upon which Masons may unhesitatingly call in times of need. These pioneers were strong, self-reliant frontiersmen, but they acknowledged that we are social and dependent beings, and that the best men everywhere

are those who want to, and will, link arms or stand back to back with their fellows.

The lodge made comparatively rapid progress from the time the land was open for settlement. The foremost men of the future city, as they arrived, enrolled themselves. Besides the members already mentioned, others had been admitted to the lodge, making a total enrollment of seventy-three by the year 1858. Forty-nine of them received their degrees in the new lodge. Among these were Joseph H. Canney, George M. Bertram, John Jackins, James H. Mountain, S. J. Mason, Francis Sampson, Dominicus M. Hanson, Edwin Hedderly, Geo. W. Chowen, Simeon K. Odell, Charles Hoag, Geo. W. Huntington, Calvin Church, David Bickford, Alfred B. Robinson, John L. Tenney, James O. Weld and Erastus N. Bates. Bertram and Mason were a little later charter members of Monticello, No. 16, of which lodge Mason was first Worshipful Master. Alfred B. Robinson is the only one of them living who now belongs to "Hennepin."

After the charter was issued Joseph H. Canney was the first to receive a degree and was the first Master Mason raised; the first petition was from Geo. M. Bertram and the first man elected to the degrees was John Jackins. Canney is still a respected citizen of Minneapolis. Brother Bertram was at the head of the Excelsior colony. Dominicus M. Hanson was the first lawyer to receive masonic degrees west of the Mississippi in Minnesota. He was an able, brilliant and popular young man, who gave great promise for the future. He was, however, cut off by the grim reaper in 1856. Charles Hoag was the first schoolmaster, but taught first across the river. He named Minneapolis. George W. Chowen was the first *actual* register of deeds, though he was not the first to hold the office. He knew more about the "old titles" than any man who ever lived in Minneapolis. Simeon K. Odell was a bachelor, whose claim was away down Minnehaha avenue, about opposite the entrance to the "Driving Park." Erastus N. Bates afterwards removed to Illinois and became treasurer of that state.

Colonel Stevens, Franklin Steele, Ard Godfrey, Reuben Robinson, Isaac I. Lewis, A. J. Bell, Jos. Dean, William T. Rigby, Judge Beebe and Dr. A. E. Ames were others who brought "dimits." Lewis lives in Idaho and Rigby is an honored member of the Grand Lodge today, having subsequently joined Clearwater Lodge. Colonel Stevens is still living in the city of his first love and glad to see his friends.

There were a multitude of evidences of fraternal regard. The petition of Francis Sampson, who actually lived in St. Anthony, was "held up" by the committee, upon question of jurisdiction. A little later it received favorable report upon the ground that "he is building in our town." When the time for the second installation, Dec. 27, 1854, rolled around, the lodge invited "Cataract" to unite with it in that auspicious and instructive solemnity. The invitation

was accepted and the lodges held a joint installation of their officers in "Hennepin's" recently occupied masonic hall. Thus was another landmark of good feeling planted "at the Falls," to be followed thereafter for a score of years or more with best results by other lodges in Minneapolis, with the sanction of, and often conducted by the ablest Grand Masters of Minnesota. On St. John's Day, in June, 1855, "Hennepin" united with "Cataract" in its celebration at St. Anthony.

A little later death first entered the portals of the lodge and summoned hence its second candidate for Masonry, Brother Albert N. Hoyt. He was buried with masonic honors by the lodge on March 25, 1855, "on Brother Bassett's hill, near the fording place across the creek (Bassett's)." M. W. Grand Master Ames presided at the ceremony, "Cataract" uniting with "Hennepin" in the service and furnishing half of the pall-bearers. The funeral occurred from the Presbyterian church, Rev. J. C. Whitney preaching the sermon.

This was the first masonic funeral in Minneapolis. Brother Hoyt was a man universally esteemed, and a citizen without reproach. He was active in all the affairs of the new settlement. Minneapolis was yet without a cemetery. This first burial place was the first high ground north of Sixth avenue North as you go west from Fifth street, and is now thickly populated.

No early funeral occasion passed without the formal attendance of both lodges. The proper observance of these duties informed the world of the true character of Masonry.

It is perhaps not surprising that rivalries should arise among brethren as able, keen and ambitious as were those of our pioneer lodge. At any rate the supreme test of the true Masonry was exhibited in January, 1858, when seventeen brethren petitioned the Grand Lodge then in annual session to be chartered as Minneapolis Lodge, without notice or the recommendation of any lodge. The petitioners were among the ablest and best members of Hennepin lodge. Minneapolis was not yet more than a good sized village, and there was no crying demand for a second masonic lodge within its territory. But it is a well authenticated fact, which is properly a matter of history, that the petition was the result of bitterly disappointed hopes in the recent election in "Hennepin." The ambition to be Master of one's lodge is not an unworthy motive, perhaps, if properly guarded and if the lesson of the trowel is not forgotten. That Dr. Ames, who had just been elected Worshipful Master of the lodge by what now appears to have been over-zealous friends, did not regard this evidence of a keen disappointment censurable, is shown by his *unrecorded action*, of rising in Grand Lodge, upon and in face of the unexpected presentation of that petition, and personally vouching that every one of the petitioners was capable of working a masonic lodge and recommending that a charter be at once granted.

A charter was so granted to Minneapolis Lodge, No. 19, at that session. The magnanimous and ungrudging action of Past Grand Master Ames on that occasion is another exemplification of true masonic impulse, as well as of the far-sightedness of the man, whose supreme faith in Minneapolis and in Masonry enabled him to see beyond the then present village environments to the growing, thrifty city which was pictured in his prophetic vision, and to surely follow. It is now known that there was room for two good masonic lodges there. For thirty-one years these lodges have worked and prospered and lived together in harmony within the same walls.

The first pressing demand for a masonic lodge in Minneapolis was the necessity for a strong organization to protect its squatter members and to be a law between them, in the absence of municipal government. They were trespassers. Hennepin Lodge was formed before the Protective Claim Association, which afterwards took a more or less active hand in seeing that every man secured the claim for which he had so early and so long endured hardships and uncertainty. That out of the necessity of the situation there sometimes occurred rough usage, if not worse treatment, goes without the saying. Early Masonry protected worthy brethren, and the brethren, because they were so largely the earliest settlers, took the most active part in the enforcement of squatters' rights. There is every evidence that the efforts of the brethren were dealt out with even-handed justice irrespective of membership in the lodge. That, however, there were frequent clashes of interest among the brethren themselves is not surprising. For Masons are only human and subject to human frailties. The first charge and trial in the lodge grew out of an attempted violation of "a land contract and trying to jump a claim." That the accused was the eldest man in the lodge, a Mason for long years almost before Minnesota had a name, considered tried and true, a citizen until that time universally esteemed, the first to hold a civil commission in Hennepin county, and that the ablest lawyer in the community in addition to the then distinguished Judge of the District Court defended, did not save him from expulsion by a vote so unanimous that but a single Mason voted to acquit. Several other early charges of like character evidenced the reliance of the brethren upon the lodge to straighten out their disagreements.

The ancient rulers and patrons of "Hennepin" have nearly all passed away, or are scattered beyond this jurisdiction. It is not possible, therefore, to now make record of many interesting or important incidents of the early lodge days beyond those already related and found in the musty archives of the lodge itself. Our late Bro. Anson Northrop has frequently retold, to brethren of a later generation, the story of stormy and perilous passages of the river in canoes and batteaux, which the brethren "at the Falls," as well as those of St. Paul, Stillwater, Fort Snelling and elsewhere were obliged to risk in order to visit the lodges on either side. The ferry

on the west side was running, but it was not always accessible at night. Those of us who only know the comparatively smooth water of the river since dams have turned the great cataract into a great mill-power, are apt to overlook the fact that, for a thousand feet above the falls, in that early day the river was a swift and oftentimes turbulently rapid stream. The necessities of the brethren made them as intrepid and brave for Masonry as they were as pioneers, in pursuit of a new Western home.

While the site of Minneapolis was not a great forest, it was, in 1853, a wilderness of brush and oak openings, interspersed with paths and trails. It was no trivial undertaking to travel through these and across the prairies beyond after nightfall to rude pioneer homes. One incident emphasizes this. Bro. Simeon K. Odell, a bachelor and a farmer whose claim was down the road to Minnehaha, near the present driving park, was an early initiate and a most faithful attendant upon all lodge meetings and masonic duties. As the lodge was breaking up and brethren departing to their homes one night, Brother Odell was accosted by our R. V. W. Grand Treasurer, Brother Thompson, with, "Well, Brother Odell, what are you going to do to-night? It is a good ways home; you had better come with me." The answer was, "No. As soon as you folks get away from here, I am going to bunk right down on one of these benches; they are as good accommodations as I have at home." Of such sturdy stuff were our masonic pioneers made, and such were the hardships they endured to make themselves a home.

On June 9, 1855, the first Hebrew visited the lodge, in the person of Bro. Aaron Lovenstein.

The brethren took proper and patriotic interest in politics, as all good citizens of every community, and Masons, of all others, should. And the lodge was careful of its records. The minutes of Feb. 23, 1856, state:

"On account of an important town meeting on the 16th the lodge was not called from refreshment to labor."

In June, 1856, the lodge formally assisted in laying the corner stone of the Minnesota Historical Society building in St. Paul. It has frequently assisted in like important ceremonies since.

On July 26, 1856, the brethren wisely emphasized the fact that Masonry is meant to help those who need help and not to pay the bills of those well able to pay their own, by declining to pay the funeral bills of a brother whom they did not bury and whose estate was abundant.

On May 29, 1857, our late Brother Judge Franklin Beebe, acting as Secretary, makes this unique masonic minute: "There being no designs on the trestle board prepared to enable the craft to pursue their labors, the lodge was closed in due form."

The financial affairs of "Hennepin" of course did not escape the wildcat-shinplaster-times of 1857. Here is an evidence of the method of guarding the treasury, of date Dec. 9, 1857:

"Receipts: J. B. Howard, \$5.00 (Bank of Hartford, Conn.); J. L. Tenney, \$3.00 (Citizens Bank of Gosport); Alex. Moore, \$6.00 (\$5.00 Arlington Bank; \$1.00 Bank of Montreal)." These bills were prudently taken "for collection." Hard times lingered long in this locality and brethren found it difficult to square their accounts. Sunshine reappears, however, in a degree on May 11, 1859, when the Secretary was instructed "to accept notes of Minnesota banks."

That the lodge did not neglect to practice its principles during those trying times is evidenced by an address made by the Worshipful Master, at the close of his term of office in 1858:

"During the masonic year 1858 you have individually and collectively seen many changes and convulsions in business and trade; you have felt the pressure of hard times. * * * Brethren, misfortune and calamity brood on every hill and ravage every vale. Alone, misery becomes agony and despair. You are banded together * * * to suppress vice and immorality; to relieve suffering humanity and to secure the way of happiness and peace to your fellow man. * * * The widow's weeping you have caused to be turned into joy; the orphan's wailing, that comes low on the ear of night, you have cared for as soon as noticed, and Heaven has smiled on you and your families in the discharge of your respective duties."

That record is a noble one, for the emulation of all ages.

On Jan. 10, 1860, the unusual but constitutional prerogative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master was exercised by request of the lodge and Rev. John W. Manney was "initiated, passed and raised *at sight* in due, ancient and ample form."

The great conflict of 1861 affected quite perceptibly the meetings of Hennepin Lodge. It had many representatives in the Union army during that war, and for nearly a year from April 24, 1861, the shock of battle seems to have stunned and almost suspended the operations of the lodge. But two additions were made during 1861. One stalwart young man who evidently smelled the battle from the earliest rumblings of the war, in South Carolina, made haste to obtain his degrees, within a week, before the Christmas holidays in 1860, and that man—Henry R. Putnam, the first captain of Company "D," First Minnesota—was among the first of that gallant regiment to enroll himself in April, 1861, for his country and its flag. During the great struggle there are numerous instances in which Union volunteers were given their degrees in short order—evidently that they might carry with them into the dangers of the battle and hazards of war the strong cement and far-reaching influence of Masonry. Of the number were Col. L. P. Plummer, Capt. James M. Paine, Capt. Jesse G. Jones, and Dr. A. A. Ames, besides a host of others who served their country honorably, but without commissions.

On May 4, 1862, the lodge showed its loyal heart by going to St. Paul to join the lodges there in solemn masonic honors to the memory of their martyred brother, Captain Acker, Company C, First Minnesota, whose body had been sent home for burial.

About a year later—May 17, 1863—the three lodges “at the Falls” joined in the burial of Bro. Capt. Dudley P. Chase, whose mortal remains were reverently laid away with military as well as masonic honors.

And in the fall of 1862 the brethren united in presenting Bro. E. Wait with a sword, belt and sash. These incidents all emphasize the fact that Hennepin Lodge squared itself with the patriotic lessons of our fraternity in the nation's trial, and for this all Masons should be proud.

“Hennepin” has given few officers to the Grand Lodge. Its ablest and most distinguished representative, perhaps, was M. W. Bro. Caleb Henry Benton, twice Grand Master within the recent memory of all of you, and whose death is even yet lamented. Besides him, three others have filled elective offices: Eben A. Hodsdon, the first Junior Warden of the lodge, who rose by reason of his recognized abilities to be Senior Grand Warden, and the present Junior Grand Warden, Bro. John H. Randall, who is a highly appreciated member of that lodge, while Col. Emanuel Case, the first Grand Treasurer, who filled that office for long years thereafter, was the first Treasurer of “Hennepin.”

Outside official position “Hennepin” has been punctual in Grand Lodge service, and its brethren have maintained more than an average in the performance of masonic duty.

In other than masonic walks its membership has had conspicuous place in the formation and upbuilding of all that goes to make the present mighty empire, known as the “Northwest.” It has furnished the Supreme Bench with one of its ablest judges, in Cornell; it has given the state a lieutenant governor, in Rice; congress, an Aldrich and a Fletcher; three mayors for Minneapolis, in Ames, Babb, and Pratt; and besides many less exalted but no less important legislative and executive officials. To the church it has given one of its most distinguished bishops, in David Buell Knickerbacker. All of these first received “light” at its altar. Two others of its members have served the state in congress, Wilson and King. Its limits, to the number of 299, have gone everywhere, but largely to the west of the Father of Waters, and those whose names were inscribed therein have been active and efficient in the spread of masonic principles throughout a new dominion almost as extensive as was the settled portion of the United States when the dispensation was first granted “Hennepin” to communicate the beneficent precepts of our institution. Of 1,068 members enrolled to date, about 700 have become Master Masons at its altar. The only evidence of “boom work” is confined to a single year. For the credit

of Masonry it is hoped that year may never have imitators. Masonry has no recruiting officers. "Hennepin's" relief work has been such as to convince mankind that the Mason's heart ever expands with benevolence to all proper and worthy demands.

Such is, in brief, the history, the character, the work and the worth of the first masonic lodge west of the Mississippi river north of Dubuque, in the forty-four years just past. That it has fulfilled the ambitious dreams and prophetic visions of its progenitors and become indeed the mother of Lodges (as "Cataract" is the father) in that now rich and prosperous Minneapolis in which it was first set to work, and has been at least very near of kin to many other lodges which have since grown up in the mighty empire of peaceful homes beyond, may well be granted by all who love our institution. And the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and the brethren have no reason, in all its history, to regret the issuance of the first dispensation and the first charter in this masonic jurisdiction.

This was followed by Bro. William P. Jewett of St. Paul, who spoke of

THE GENESIS OF ANCIENT LANDMARK, NO. 5.

Venerable Brethren:

Forty and four years ago, or, to be more precise, on Monday, Jan. 2, 1854, there met in this city, in Grand Annual Communication, the Grand Officers and the representatives of the three chartered lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons then existing within the jurisdiction. Scarcely a year previous representatives of these lodges had met in convention in St. Paul and organized themselves into the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Minnesota, electing Worshipful Bro. A. E. Ames, of Cataract Lodge, St. Anthony, the first Grand Master. Masonry had flourished during the year, but with seeming greater activity at the Falls than in either Stillwater or St. Paul, as the Grand Master had in June, 1853, issued a dispensation for a second lodge at the Falls of St. Anthony, but on the west side, to be known as Hennepin Lodge, taking its name, singularly enough, from the Franciscan monk, Louis Hennepin, who in April, 1680, had discovered and named the Falls of St. Anthony.

The three principal officers of this lodge U. D. were present as visitors at the opening of the Grand Lodge of 1854, having with them the returns of the work done, and requesting that a charter be granted. The appropriate committee having reported recommending the issuance of a charter, its report was received by a vote of 12 to 4, the negative votes being that of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. A. Goodrich, and the three representatives of St. Paul

Lodge, No. 1. The Deputy Grand Master then moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which was negatived by a vote of only 8 to 7, St. John's Lodge adding its vote to those previously given in opposition to the granting of this charter.

Pending further action in the matter, the Grand Lodge took a recess until eight o'clock the following morning. Upon reconvening at the appointed hour, it was observed that the representatives of St. Paul Lodge had absented themselves, and, as was afterwards ascertained, in the hope that by so doing they might prevent a quorum, and so defeat favorable action on the resolution to charter the new lodge. The resolution was adopted, however, by a vote of 10 to 1, Deputy Grand Master Goodrich alone voting in the negative.

While there is a diversity of opinion among the few surviving brethren of those in attendance upon that session of the Grand Lodge as to the real motive actuating the representatives of St. Paul Lodge in so absenting themselves from the second day's session, the impression seems to prevail that they feared that the added votes of a second lodge at the Falls, with those of Cataract Lodge, No. 2, and the appointed officers, would enable the Grand Master to perpetuate himself in office for an indefinite period.

At this juncture a petition was presented by Bro. W. H. Mower, Senior Warden of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, signed by thirteen Master Masons resident at St. Paul, and all, with the possible exception of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, unaffiliated with any lodge in the jurisdiction, praying that a charter be granted them to open a new lodge in St. Paul, to be named Ancient Landmark.

The petitioners were: Andrew G. Chatfield, Wisconsin; James Y. Caldwell, New York; Charles D. Fillmore, Michigan; Reuben Haas, Pennsylvania; P. T. Bradley, Wisconsin; Geo. L. Becker, Michigan; Andrew J. Morgan, Ohio; Charles Rauch, New York; Henry Morris, New York; Isaac P. Wright, Kentucky; Geo. W. Biddle, Pennsylvania; Allan T. Chamblin, Missouri; A. T. C. Pierson, New York—the first named being at the time one of the three territorial judges. It will be noted that these thirteen brethren hailed from seven different states. That their masonic standing and ability was known and recognized is evidenced by the fact that, contrary to the usual custom of requiring brethren to work as a lodge U. D. before obtaining a charter, the petition was favorably received, and a resolution adopted directing the Grand Secretary to issue a charter upon payment of the required fee. The only negative vote was that of the Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge thereupon took a recess, and the charter members of the new lodge, having chosen Past Master Andrew G. Chatfield Worshipful Master, I. P. Wright Senior Warden and A. T. C. Pierson Junior Warden, these brethren were duly installed by the Grand Master, assisted by the other officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and upon the reconvening of the Grand Lodge at the

hour of three o'clock, the credentials of the new lodge were presented and the representatives permitted to take their seats.

I have been unable to ascertain who first suggested the name of Ancient Landmark—one distinctively masonic, and the only one so distinguished until in 1860, the lodge at Belle Blaine, known by that name U. D., was chartered as King Hiram, No. 31.

THE FIRST WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Andrew Gould Chatfield was born at "Butternuts," Otsego county, New York, Jan. 27, 1810. His parents were natives of Connecticut. His maternal grandfather was Jonathan Starr, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His maternal grandmother was of the Ruggles family, among whose descendants are some of the most distinguished jurists of New York. His father, Enos Chatfield, removed to Connecticut from New York state while still a young man. Suffering the loss of his property through a defective title, he was able to give his children but little aid in obtaining an education. Andrew, thrown upon his own resources, succeeded in working his way through the academy at Hamilton, and then, at the age of 21, devoted himself to the study of the law. He entered the law office of Henry T. Cotton at Painted Post, New York, and it was here, in a lodge of the same name, that he received his masonic degrees.

In 1833 he was admitted to practice in the county court, and soon after removed to Addison county, where he formed a law partnership and was soon in the enjoyment of a good practice.

On June 27, 1836, he was married to Eunice E. Beeman, who, surviving him, is still residing at his former home at Belle Plaine, Minnesota.

In November, 1838, he was elected a member of the New York Assembly from Addison county, and at the same time his brother, Levi S. Chatfield, also a lawyer, and afterwards attorney general of New York, was elected from Otsego county.

He was again a member of the assembly in 1845, and in 1846 a member of the Constitutional Convention of New York. In 1848 he removed to Southport, now Kenosha, Wis., forming a partnership with Volney French, and soon acquired a lucrative practice. In 1850 he was elected county judge of Racine county, which office he shortly after resigned to resume the practice of his profession.

In 1853, being in Washington before the Supreme Court, he formed the acquaintance of Hon. H. H. Sibley, then territorial delegate in Congress from Minnesota, and was by the latter recommended to President Pierce, by whom he was appointed an associate judge of the Supreme Court in the Territory. He removed to Minnesota in June, 1853, and assumed the discharge of his new duties, which he continued to the close of his term in 1857. In 1854 he located a claim in the Minnesota valley, upon a beautiful tract of land on which he afterward laid out and named the village of

Belle Plaine. After the close of his term on the supreme bench he resumed the practice of his profession until 1870, when he was elected judge of the Eighth Judicial District, which office he continued to hold up to the time of his death. His health becoming impaired, in the spring of 1873 he visited the hot springs of Arkansas in the hope of obtaining the needed relief, but without avail. His health continuing to decline, he died on Oct. 5, 1875. His funeral was conducted by Most Worshipful Chas. Griswold, Grand Master, in presence of the officers of the Grand Lodge and members of many of the subordinate lodges, who had gathered to pay this last mark of respect to his memory. His death was widely noticed, and glowing tributes were paid to his worth as a lawyer, as a judge, a Mason and a man.

The memorial by the bar of Minnesota was presented to the supreme court then in session, on Oct. 9, 1875, and as it more fittingly expresses than any words of mine can, the esteem in which he was held, I cannot do better than give the following extract: "In the death of Judge Chatfield the profession has lost one of its most learned, cultivated, honored and distinguished brethren; the judiciary of the state has been deprived of an able, just and admirable judge; the commonwealth loses a citizen whose services, both public and private, have greatly contributed to its present prosperity and advancement, and society mourns the loss of a distinguished ornament. His genial, social characteristics endeared him to all his acquaintances; his generous hospitality will long and gratefully be remembered by the wanderers on the frontier in early days. He was a Christian gentleman, bigoted in nothing, tolerant in everything. He died, as he lived, a true man—true to himself, true to his convictions, and true to his fellow men. His good works were done without ostentation or display; they were felt in the world, rather than seen. The words of the psalmist well and truly characterize our beloved and departed brother: 'Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace.'"

And such was the first Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5.

WHERE IT HAS MET.

The new lodge held its meetings for four or five years in a three-story brick building on Third street, near Exchange, then owned by Messrs. Culver and Farrington, who occupied the first floor as a store for Indian supplies. The second floor was occupied by the law offices of Messrs. Rice, Hollingshead and Becker, and the lodge room was on the third floor. The building is still standing, and an illustration of it accompanies this paper.

The lodge removed next to McClung's block, on Third street near Market, thence to the Mackubin block, corner of Third and Washington streets, the two latter buildings long since destroyed by fire.

The lodge was still occupying the Mackubin block when burned, and there lost most of its records and property.

For the following twenty years it occupied the McQuillan block, corner of Third and Wabasha streets, from which in 1890 it was removed to the present spacious and elegant quarters in the Lowry Arcade, erected for its use, and for the other masonic bodies formerly occupying the McQuillan block.

THE FIRST INITIATE.

The first initiate in the new lodge was Dr. Samuel Willey, a young physician, who received his M. V. M. degree on Feb. 16, 1854, and who afterwards became quite active in masonic circles. He continued to reside in St. Paul until his death in December, 1872.

Of the charter members of the lodge there are but three living, Bros. I. P. Wright and Geo. L. Becker, both residents of St. Paul, and Bro. Geo. W. Biddle, now a resident of Illinois.

The fourth to receive his degree in the lodge and the oldest living member, excepting the charter members named, is Bro. Wm. S. Combs, who was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge from 1866 to 1872 inclusive.

The lodge has been eminently prosperous from its organization, and has upon its rolls the names of many prominent not only in Masonry, but also in civil life. During its first year its membership increased to thirty-seven, among whom was Hon. Moses Sherburne, at the time the associate of W. V. M. Chatfield as one of the territorial judges, who was elected Grand Master the following year, and continued a member of the lodge until his death in 1868.

Among its other honored names will be found judges of the district court, a judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, leading physicians, clergymen, lawyers and business men of our city. The noted author, Rev. Edward Eggleston, received his degrees in the lodge in 1863.

That its members were imbued not only with earnestness and zeal in Masonry, but also with that spirit of patriotism and love of country which should actuate every Mason, is shown by the fact that the names of nineteen of its members are to be found upon the honored rolls of those who in the great civil conflict of 1861-65 imperiled their lives that the nation might live.

Prominent among these are the names of Dr. Jacob H. Stewart, surgeon of the First Minnesota Regiment, Capt. Wm. H. Acker, of the same regiment, and in whose honor Acker Post G. A. R., of this city, was named, and Geo. W. Prescott, afterwards Grand Master, who was a lieutenant in Company G, Eighth Minnesota Infantry.

From among its members have been chosen three Grand Masters, four Grand Secretaries, two Grand Orators, and other officers of the Grand Lodge; three Grand High Priests, three Grand Commanders, and other officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery.

Its members have also been active and prominent in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the majority of the charter members of the first lodge of the Rite in this jurisdiction being from its membership.

It has borne on its rolls the total number of 1,211, its membership at this date being 511.

Its finances have been carefully administered, and it has to-day in its treasury, in its regular and relief funds, upwards of \$14,000.

Appreciating that charity is one of the essential attributes of a good Mason, it sought early to establish a permanent fund for relief, not only of its own members but of others, who, as temporary sojourners in our midst, might need the helping hand that Masonry ever stretches forth to the worthy poor and needy.

In 1873 the by-laws were amended, and its annual dues increased from \$2 to \$4, the increase being set apart to the relief fund. The fund increased so rapidly that in 1891 the by-laws were again changed, and but \$1 of the annual dues were placed in the relief fund. This fund now exceeds \$10,000, and is carefully invested in interest-bearing securities.

Following the recommendation of the Grand Lodge made in 1872, the lodge has adopted the system of life membership, without payment of further dues after the member shall have paid dues for twenty-five years. Further provision is made for such life membership of a new member, upon the payment of an amount slightly larger than, but in addition to, the fees for the degrees. The plan has met the hearty approval of the members, in relieving the older members of the burden of annual dues in the later years of life, when to many such payment becomes onerous, while still preserving to them the privileges and protection of full membership.

In the far West, among the peaks of that majestic range which separates the Atlantic from the Pacific slope, stands one whose lofty summit, capped with the eternal snows, is the first to catch the rays of the morning sun, as he mounts above the earth, bringing life and light and gladness to its teeming millions—the last to reflect his softened rays, as, tinged with the hues of the rainbow, he sinks behind the vast ocean beyond the Golden Gate.

On the broad slope of this mighty peak may be traced in the dazzling whiteness of its snowy purity, a mighty symbol, that of the lowly Nazarene, who dwelt among men, an humble example for us to follow. It is the Mount of the Holy Cross, and to gaze upon its wondrous beauty thousands have journeyed over land and over sea, and the poet in his song, and the painter on his canvas, have equally sought, but in vain, to picture its grandeur.

As stands this monument in the material world, so, among the institutions seeking to ennoble and elevate mankind, stands the beautiful temple of Ancient Freemasonry. Its origin obscured in the mists of antiquity, it has, during the centuries, as they passed, kept

well abreast of the rising tide of progress in the enlightenment of man and the cultivation of those graces of mind and heart that are the characteristics of a true Mason. Its foundation the rock of God's eternal truth, its superstructure the virtues of charity, temperance and brotherly love, it stands secure upon the pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, a harmonious whole, untouched by the assaults of prejudice, intolerance and bigotry.

With an abiding faith in the goodness and mercy of an all-wise Father, we behold upon its loftiest pinnacle the blazing star of hope, a welcome beacon, not alone to us, but to thousands of others, who have found comfort and consolation beneath its shadow.

All hail to the lodge of the Ancient Landmark and her sisters of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, under whose auspices we are gathered—fitting stones in this temple of Masonry. May health, peace and prosperity be theirs in ample measure during all the years to come, and may we, who, as veterans in this noble cause for humanity, have assembled to renew the associations and friendships so dear to us all, gain new inspiration from this hour, and newly resolve to more faithfully discharge the duties and responsibilities under which, as men and Masons, we rest, in the confident hope that to each of us may be given the welcome: "Well done, good and faithful servant," when we, too, shall be called to pass through the dark valley, and, climbing the heights beyond, feel upon our brows the breath of the eternal morning.

And unto Him who giveth us the victory, be all the glory, now and forever more, world without end. Amen, and amen, and amen.

Our venerable brother, William Lee, Past Junior Grand Warden, of Hastings, and one of our two resident honorary members of over fifty years' standing as Master Masons, presented a brief history of Dakota Lodge, No. 7, under the title of

A TRIBUTE FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE IN 1855.

Mr. President and Brethren:

As the first Master of Dakota Lodge, No. 7, at Hastings, now the fifth in rank upon the rolls of our Grand Lodge, and having outlived at least two generations of the great human family, I thought perhaps that a few notes upon the early steps taken in that organization, now approaching its semi-centennial, might not prove entirely uninteresting at this time. I shall not attempt the writing of history, leaving that to more competent hands which may come after us. I am now only able to give the novitiate the same information and the same solemn charge received, while standing in the lowest station in the lodge, from a veteran of the last century.

In January, 1855, I made my first appearance in the Grand Lodge of Minnesota as a visitor, hailing from King Solomon's Lodge, No. 14, of New Hampshire, over which I had the honor of presiding as Master for several terms. The attendance in those days was not large, there being but five subordinate lodges upon the roll, but the lack in numbers was fully made up by the zeal and interest in the welfare of the institution planted in the territory but a few years before. The session was a very pleasant one to me at least, and I returned to Hastings with the full determination of taking immediate action for the starting of a lodge at my new home. There were several Masons already there besides myself; among whom may be named Bro. O. T. Hayes and Bro. R. A. Simmons, afterwards appearing in the dispensation as Senior and Junior Wardens. As the spring advanced there came Bro. D. F. Langley and Bro. E. C. Knowles from King Solomon's Lodge, Bro. T. B. Tripp from California, and Bro. William Lee, 2d, from Ohio, who became our pioneer Tyler.

Several preliminary meetings were held, the first at the school-house, corner of Sixth and Spring streets; the second at the Mounds below the city, near the then residence of Brother Simmons. Here, reclining upon the very top of a circular hill, hardly large enough to afford a decently level ground floor, with four brethren from New Hampshire and two from Ohio, we conducted separate examinations, and proceeded to fill the several stations *pro tem*. The scene was one never to be forgotten; a lovely June morning in the pure Minnesota atmosphere, with naught but the blue vault above us, the lessons of masonic lore were rehearsed as they had come down to us from our fathers. The deliberations were soon interrupted, however, by an alarm from the vigilant Tyler that two cowans were approaching us from the south, and hastily calling off we proceeded to gather handfuls of the beautiful cornelians with which the ascent was plentifully covered. The strangers proved to be new settlers with spades examining the virgin soil of our prairie, and as afterwards proved were both Masons, although we did not make ourselves known at the time, but returned home via Brother Simmons' house, with the agreement that as soon as the money could be obtained an application would be forwarded to the Grand Master to set us to work.

The early minutes of the lodge are quite meager, and probably meetings were held of which no record is given. It is there stated that the first formal meeting to procure a dispensation was held June 3d; the first meeting after obtaining dispensation, August 11th. Meetings were held in Smith's Hall, corner of Second and Ramsey streets, October 17th, November 7th, November 14th, November 21st, one dollar per night being charged for the use of the room, warmed and lighted.

The first application for the degrees was that of J. L. Belden, presented November 14th, and he was elected and initiated November 21st.

The charter is dated Jan. 9th, 1856.

The annual communication of 1856 was held January 16th, the following officers being chosen:

ELECTIVE.

Worshipful Master—William Lee.

Senior Warden—O. T. Hayes.

Junior Warden—T. B. Tripp.

Treasurer—E. C. Knowles.

APPOINTED.

Secretary—A. H. Norris.

Senior Deacon—R. A. Simmons.

Junior Deacon—Charles Bigelow.

They were installed the same evening. A. H. Norris and E. C. Knowles were appointed a committee to draft by-laws. J. L. Belden was elected to receive the third degree, and William Turner the second.

At a special meeting held January 23d J. L. Belden was made a Master Mason.

The by-laws were reported and adopted February 14th and were signed by fifty-six members.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened February 27th and called off for six successive meetings, finally closing March 19th.

The collars and jewels were ordered April 2d. Seal was voted November 12th.

The year 1856 was a very busy one in the new lodge, the following being a summary of the work from the records:

INITIATED.

J. A. Sager, February 13th.

E. J. A. Roos, February 13th.

Philip Smith, March 5th.

A. J. Van Duzee, March 12th.

A. M. Hayes, March 26th.

J. D. Hoskins, April 8th.

C. P. Adams, April 8th.

A. J. Sargent, April 12th. (Dispensation.)

W. G. Le Duc, April 14th.

M. O. W. Truax, May 16th.

S. L. De Silva, May 16th.

Charles Etheridge, September 24th.

J. T. Beach, October 8th.

L. P. Carswell, November 26th.

PASSED.

William Turner, February 7th.
J. A. Sager, February 20th.
E. J. A. Roos, March 7th.
Philip Smith, March 11th.
A. J. Van Duzee, March 12th.
A. M. Hayes, April 2d.
A. J. Sargent, April 12th. (Dispensation.)
C. P. Adams, April 16th.
J. D. Hoskins, April 16th.
W. G. Le Duc, May 14th.
M. O. W. Truax, May 30th.
S. L. De Silva, May 30th.
J. T. Beach, October 29th.
L. P. Carswell, December 24th.

RAISED.

J. L. Belden, January 23d.
J. A. Sager, March 7th.
A. J. Van Duzee, March 19th.
A. M. Hayes, April 14th.
A. J. Sargent, April 18th. (Dispensation.)
J. D. Hoskins, April 23d.
C. P. Adams, April 23d.
M. O. W. Truax, June 11th.
S. L. De Silva, June 16th.
W. G. Le Duc, July 9th.
J. T. Beach, November 15th.

ADJOINED.

Richard Washington, March 12th.
Charles Bigelow, May 14th.
John Rhodes, August 6th.

DIMITTED.

A. J. Sargent, May 25th.
Philip Smith, November 12th.

Many of these brethren are dead. Others have moved away, either dimitted or dropped, and there is but one of them now borne upon the rolls of Dakota Lodge, Bro. M. O. W. Truax, living in St. Paul Park at the advanced age of sixty-eight years.

The lodge was removed into its new hall, corner of Second and Vermillion streets, July 8th, 1857. It was the second story of a frame building, owned by Bro. O. T. Hayes.

The first funeral noted was that of Bro. James Monroe of Little Falls Lodge, No. 181, New York, in 1857.

Such in brief is the account, which time and recollection will not permit me to enlarge upon. The memories of those days of toil and privation incident to frontier life are still among the most pleasant of my masonic experience.

The closing paper of the evening was on

INDIAN RITES AND FREEMASONRY.

BY ERO. ISRAEL B. B. SPRAGUE.

Mr. President and Venerable Brethren:

The following letters are presented to your attention, rather as an interesting contribution, tending to show the inclination of ALL men to band themselves into secret and more or less exclusive societies, than having any direct connection with the rites of Freemasonry.

At the least, they prove that the human mind, whether indwelling in a savage or civilized man, has a tendency to evolve a similar organization, veiled in secrecy and confined to a select few.

Among the papers of our late M. W. Brother, "Father Pierson," was found a letter addressed to "Companion Moore." From the opening sentence it is inferred that this was Charles Whitlock Moore, of Boston, for many years the editor of the "*Freemason's Monthly Magazine*." Whether the communication ever appeared in print it is impossible to say, as no file of this publication is accessible for examination in Minnesota.

Father Pierson's letter is as follows.

"Long Prairie, M. T., Sept. 20, 1852.

"*Companion Moore:* Looking over a stray number of your valuable magazine, a short time ago, I noticed an article about Masonry among Indians.

"I have made some inquiries among the Winnebagoes, Chippewas and Sioux or Dakota (as they call themselves) Indians, with regard to what we would call Masonry among them. I thought possibly the result of my inquiries and observations might be interesting to your readers.

"There is an organization among the Indian tribes, universal as far as I can learn, of a secret kind, called by them, 'Grand' or 'Great Medicine.'

"The candidates for initiation are accepted by some kind of voting. Much discrimination is used in the acceptance of adult candidates. Both sexes and even children are admitted. A large fee is demanded, which goes to defray the expenses, the balance is divided among the higher members of the order. The Chippewas have seven degrees.

"The candidates are taken for initiation in the night, separately, to some secluded place. The next day the members meet in a large

lodge, built for the purpose. The meeting is opened by certain ceremonies in a regular order. After which the candidates are introduced and left in the "North East" corner of the lodge. The members form a circle, males and females, each male only has a medicine bag.

"They commence a slow dance around the lodge to a tune only used on this particular occasion. After dancing around a few times, one of the head men approaches one of the candidates, and does, or pretends to, administer the 'Great Medicine.' A second does the same by striking a light blow, which staggers the candidate. A third strikes the candidate on the mouth, which is open, and in the act administers a small pill, when the candidate falls to the ground. The last or third man's medicine, being, as is supposed, very powerful. Sometimes the same person administers each time, the third time always bringing to the ground, they saying that the first two was not sufficiently powerful.

"They then dance around the candidate several times, he or she laying motionless as if dead or in a swoon.

"Then the 'Powerful Medicine,' with the assistance of two or three others, raises them by taking hold of one hand and raising quickly. Sometimes they are not raised at the first trial; in that case, they say, the medicine taken was very powerful, or the person attempting to raise them had not sufficient confidence or faith.

"After the person is raised something is whispered in the ear, the others again slowly dancing around. The candidate is then admitted to the circle, when the tune changes and the dancing is quicker.

"I have asked many of the Indians belonging to the 'Great Medicine,' how they know each other, but could get no information, except that they could tell if a person belonged to the 'Great Medicine,' although they could not understand his language.

"The reason they assign for not answering my question, was fear of death, or, as one said, of having his 'head cut off.'

"Among the Chippewas is a species of writing known only to those who have been exalted to the several degrees. This is a curious fact, if not coincidence, but with all my efforts I have not been able to obtain a sight of any of this writing. They guard it with jealous care.

"The Winnebago Prophet tells me that this 'Great Medicine' has been known among them time out of mind. That its secrets are kept under penalty of death. That the 'Great Spirit' watches over its members with peculiar care. That they employ figurative language in its ceremonies known only to themselves.

"They have a peculiar ceremony in closing the lodge. The higher Medicine men are their doctors and enjoy peculiar privileges, not allowed to other Indians, or even other members of the order.

"From all the evidence in my possession, I am lead to the conclusion that the 'Great Medicine' of the Red Man had its origin in the Ancient Masonry of the white man. The inquiring Mason has abundant proof that Masonry has existed since a very early stage of the world's history, occasionally modified by the requirements of the age, but in the main the same as it was in the beginning.

"The Indian's language is unwritten, consequently changing. His habits are migratory, his customs and manners are altering to suit the country or climate he is in. Consequently it could not be expected that the poor, untutored Indian could preserve the sublime and imposing ceremonies of Ancient Masonry unchanged, or retain its great moral truths and maxims in their original purity. It is even surprising that enough is left to prove the common paternity of Ancient Masonry and the 'Great Medicine.' As my light increases I may refer you to this subject again.

"Fraternally yours, etc.,

"A. T. C. PIERSON."

So long a time had lapsed since the writing of this letter, and to gain confirmation of the facts therein stated, our venerable president addressed a note of inquiry to the Rev. Joseph A. Gilfillan, of White Earth, Minn., for many years a missionary to the Indians, and probably the highest authority on matters pertaining to the Algonquin branch of the Indian race now living, who, from his knowledge of the Ojibway language, was able to translate with ease pages from John Elliot's Indian Bible, published in Cambridge, Mass., in 1661-1663, thus practically proving that the Chippewas of Northern Minnesota are of the same race of people as were the Indians of Massachusetts Bay.

His reply, confirming Father Pierson's statements, is of great interest:

"WHITE EARTH, BECKER CO., MINN.,

"November 30th, 1897.

"Dr. Metcalf,

"DEAR DOCTOR: It gives me pleasure to answer your favor of the 27th inst., just received.

"Mr. Pierson is correct in stating that there is now (and always has been) an institution, or semi-religious rite, among the Chippewas (and I believe among all Indians) called by them, Me-de-wi-win, or the Grand Medicine. This is the religion of nearly all the heathen Indians. They say it was given them by some spirits, who appeared long ago, as the means of their preserving life and warding off disease and death.

"There are seven degrees, as stated by Mr. Pierson, and the initiation is very much as he describes it, I believe.

"Whether it has any connection with Masonry, I do not know. I have many times seen them in the performance of these rites.

Usually when a person is sick they have a performance of the Grand Medicine to make him well. The sick person is brought into the circle and the rites performed.

"In Warren's History of the Ojibways, in the Minnesota Historical Society's Library, you will find some description of it from a native Ojibway, that will give you more information than I can.

"Some years ago the Smithsonian Institute in Washington sent out to this place a scientist, Dr. Hoffman, who interviewed the old medicine men, or doctors, and wrote home a pretty accurate account of it.

"The society's publications are no doubt in the Minnesota Historical Society's Library, and to them I refer you for more detailed information than I can give.

"Grand Medicine is the religion—the most important part—of the life of the Indian.

"Hoping the above information is what you want, I am, with best wishes,

"Sincerely yours,

"J. A. GILFILLAN."

From Warren's History of the Ojibways, Vol. 5, p. 77, we make the following extract:

"I was once standing at the entrance of an Ojibway Me-da-we-gaum, more commonly known as the Grand Medicine Lodge, while the inmates were busy in the performance of the varied ceremonies of this, their chief medical and religious rite.

"The lodge, measuring in length about one hundred feet and fifteen in width, was but partially covered along the sides with green boughs of the balsam tree, and the outside spectator could view without hindrance the different ceremonies enacted within.

"On a pole raised horizontally its whole length, were hung pieces of cloth, calico, handkerchiefs, blankets, etc., the offerings or sacrifice of the novice who was about to be initiated into the mysteries of the Me-da-we Society.

"The lodge was full of men and women, who sat in a row along both of its sides.

"None but those who were members of the society and who had been regularly initiated were allowed to enter. They were dressed and painted in their best and most fancy clothing and colors, and each held in his hand the Me-da-wi-aun, or medicine sack, which consisted of bird skins, stuffed otter, beaver and snake skins.

"The novice in the process of initiation sat in the center on a clean mat, facing the Me-da-wantig, a cedar post planted in the center of the lodge, daubed with vermilion and ornamented with tufts of bird's down.

"The four old and grave-looking We-kauns, or initiating priests, stood around him with their medicine sacks, drum and rattles.

"As I partially understood, and could therefore appreciate the meaning and objects of their strange ceremonies, and could partially understand their peculiar religious idiom, I stood, watched, and listened, with a far-deeper interest than could be felt in the mind of a mere casual observer who is both unacquainted with the objects of the rites or language of these simple children of nature, and who, in his greater wisdom deems it but the unmeaning and superstitious rites of an ignorant race buried in heathenish darkness.

"One of the four We-kauns, after addressing a few remarks to the novice in a low voice, took from his medicine the Me-da-we-gis, a small white sea shell, which is the chief emblem of the Me-da-we rite. Holding this in the palm of his hand, he ran slowly around the inside of the lodge, displaying it to the inmates, and followed by his fellow We-kauns swinging their rattles, and exclaiming in a deep guttural tone, 'Whe-whe-whe.' Circling the lodge in this impressive manner, on coming again to the novice they stopped running, uttering a deep sonorous, 'Whay-ho-ho-ho.' They then quietly walked off and taking their stand at the west end of the lodge, the leader, still displaying the shell on the palm of his hand, delivered a loud and spirited harangue.

Then follows an account of this address, which was a description of the time when their forefathers dwelt 'on the Great Salt Water' and of the sea shell, which 'reflected the rays of the sun and gave light and warmth to the red race.'

We take from Dr. Hoffman's report, referred to by Mr. Gilfillan, the following:

"The Ojibways have a multiplicity of spirits, both good and evil, filling all space, which can be communicated with, or invoked after due preparation, by the persons who have the power so to do.

"These persons are represented by the members of the Grand Medicine Society." * * * * * "There are extant among the Ojibway Indians three distinct secret societies, the members of which are termed the Me-de, the Jassakeed and the Wabeno. The oldest and most influential is known as the Me-di-We-Win, or Grand Medicine."

Any one desirous of further "light" on this subject will find Mr. Warren's history and Dr. Hoffman's reports very interesting reading.

These addresses were ordered to be printed with the proceedings of the Association in the Appendix to the Grand Lodge Proceedings, and also in pamphlet form for distribution, as heretofore.

At about 11:30 the Association adjourned *sine die*.

Receipts—Fees from seventeen memberships at \$5 each....	\$85.00
Fees for one transfer, honorary to active list.....	3.00
Surplus from banquet.....	2.20
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	\$90.20

Acknowledgment of invitations and regrets for inability to attend were received from Bros. James Huggins, President, Wm. T. Ramsbothan, and Daniel E. Sickels of the Brooklyn Masonic Veterans, Robert S. Wardle of the Masonic Veteran Association of New York; from Bros. Wm. Wallace Lee and H. Wales Lines of Connecticut Masonic Veteran Association; from Bro. T. S. Parvin of Iowa, Bro. W. R. Bowen of Nebraska; from Bros. John Corson Smith and Dewitt C. Cregier of Illinois; from Bro. Josiah H. Drummond of Maine, and Bro. F. A. Blades of Michigan.

GILES W. MERRILL,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

The prevailing idea that admission to membership in this Association is limited to the annual reunion is erroneous. Elections by the board of directors occur at intervals throughout the year. Only about five per cent of the eligible brethren in the state are now members. The accession of every desirable brother increases the resources of the Association in producing a more valuable issue of Proceedings. The officers, therefore, solicit coöperation in this effort, and fraternally urge upon members the duty of securing at as early a date as possible applications from eligible brethren.

A complete file of the Proceedings in a few years will furnish each member with an authentic History of Minnesota Masonry.

The active members of this Association shall be composed of Master Masons in good standing and of twenty-one years of Masonic age, resident within the boundaries of the State of Minnesota, who may petition to become such. The admission fee for active membership is five dollars. This includes the badge and certificate of membership. There are no annual dues. Honorary membership without fee is granted to Master Masons of fifty or more years of Masonic age. Blank petitions may be obtained by addressing Giles W. Merrill, Secretary, 669 Laurel Ave., St. Paul.

Including the members elected since Jan. 1, 1898 there are now, January 12th, 257 active members and 22 honorary members, a total of 279 members, as per the following list:

ROSTER OF HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Certificate Number.	NAMES AND RANK.	RESIDENCE.	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	MEMBERSHIP IN		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
1	Henry R. Wells, P. G. M. (a)	Preston, Minn.	Feb. 21, 1866	Dec. 3, 1862	Preston	36	Minn.
2	Royal Hatch Gove, P. G. M.	Rochester, Minn.	July 3, 1865	Jan. 10, 1893	Rochester	21	Minn.
3	William Lee, P. J. G. W. (b)	Rochester, Minn.	Sept. 6, 1863	Jan. 11, 1893	Mount Moriah	35	Minn.
4	George Henry Davis, P. G. M., Idaho.	Manka, Minn.	March 2, 1863	Jan. 12, 1893	Aurora	100	Minn.
5	Henry R. Denny, P. G. M. (a)	St. Paul, Minn.	Sept. 8, 1863	Jan. 12, 1893	Curver	116	Minn.
6	Phil Patterson Hubbell*	Winona, Minn.	May 1, 1860	Jan. 12, 1893	Winona	18	Minn.
7	John Corson Smith, P. G. M. (c)	Chicago, Ill.	May 21, 1856	March 3, 1893	Miners	273	Ill.
8	Theodore Sutton Parvin, G. Sec. P. G. M. (c)	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	May 1, 1856	March 3, 1893	Iowa	2	Ia.
9	Josiah Hayes Bell, P. G. M. (d)	Portland, Me.	Jan. 15, 1849	March 3, 1893	Waterville	33	Me.
10	John James Drummond, P. G. M. (c)	Exeter, N. H.	Dec. 27, 1849	March 3, 1893	Star in the East	59	N. H.
11	George William Speth, P. M. (c)	London, Eng.	March 25, 1872	March 3, 1893	Quatuor Coronati	2076	Eng.
12	Francis Ashbury Blades (c)	Detroit, Mich.	March 6, 1854	March 3, 1893	Kilwinning	297	Mich.
13	Edwin Allen Sherman (c)	Oakland, Cal.	June 6, 1854	March 3, 1893	Oakland	188	Cal.
14	Charles Griswold, P. G. M. (d)	St. Paul, Minn.	May 15, 1856	Jan. 11, 1894	St. Paul	3	Minn.
15	Jacob A. Kester, P. G. M.	Blue Earth City, Minn.	May 17, 1873	June 4, 1894	Blue Earth City	57	Minn.
16	Thomas Jefferson Lombard, P. S. G. W. (d)	Hudson, Wis.	Dec. 10, 1851	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon	44	Minn.
17	Daniel Sickels (c)	Brooklyn, N. Y.	May 19, 1848	Jan. 16, 1895	Aurora Grata	756	N. Y.
18	William Wallace Lee, P. G. M. (c)	Meriden, Conn.	Sept. 5, 1855	Jan. 16, 1895	Meridian	77	Conn.
19	Manuel Ruiz Inza (c)	Havana, Cuba	April 5, 1865	Jan. 16, 1895	Amor Fraternal	5	Cuba.
20	Dewitt Clinton Cregier, P. G. M. (c)	Chicago, Ill.	—, 1863	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney	271	Ill.
21	George Washington Prescott, P. G. M.	Chicago, Ill.	—, 1863	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney	271	Ill.
22	Henry Augustus Denny (b)	San Francisco, Cal.	Dec. 14, 1854	Mich. 28, 1895	Henry S. Baird	211	Wis.
23	Amasa H. Nichols (c)	Hyde Park, Mass.	Sept. 8, 1824	Jan. 15, 1896	Morning Star	719	N. Y.
24	Theophilus Pratt (c)	Brooklyn, N. Y.	June 10, 1863	Jan. 15, 1896	Acanthus	728	N. Y.
25	James Alexander Garver (b)	New York, N. Y.	April 25, 1851	Jan. 15, 1896	Alma	108	Minn.
26	Charles Thomas Stearns (c)	Dodge Center, Minn.	Sept. 4, 1837	Jan. 13, 1897	Relief	108	Minn.
27	William James Hughan (c)	New Orleans, La.	April 3, 1852	Jan. 12, 1898	Quatuor Coronati	2076	Eng.
28	William James Hughan (c)	Torquay, England	July 14, 1863	Jan. 12, 1898	Quatuor Coronati	2076	Eng.

* Deceased May 29, 1893, aged ninety-four.—A Mason for over seventy-three years.

a Transferred to list of active members.

b Over fifty years a Master Mason.

c For eminent services to Masonry.

d Deceased.

ROSTER OF MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Certificate Number.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	PRESENT LODGE MEMBERSHIP.		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
1	George Reuben Metcalf.....	St. Paul.....	July 11, 1870	June 23, 1892	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
2	Henry Ladd Carver*.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 21, 1887	June 23, 1892	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
3	Benjamin Franklin Farmer.....	Spring Valley.....	Mar. 22, 1887	June 23, 1892	Spring Valley.....	58	Minn.
4	Milton Emery Powell.....	Redwood Falls.....	April 27, 1887	June 23, 1892	Antiquity.....	91	Minn.
5	Giles William Merrill.....	St. Paul.....	Oct. 31, 1880	June 23, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
6	William Henry Sterling Wright.....	St. Paul.....	May 5, 1870	June 23, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
7	Luther Zoan Rogers*.....	Waterville.....	Sept. 14, 1886	June 23, 1892	Sakatah.....	163	Minn.
8	Daniel B. Smith*.....	Austin.....	July 21, 1884	June 23, 1892	Fidelity.....	39	Minn.
9	Samuel Emery Adams.....	Minneapolis.....	Nov. 3, 1883	June 23, 1892	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
10	Alphonso Barto.....	St. Cloud.....	Nov. 16, 1881	June 23, 1892	Star in the West.....	60	Minn.
11	Joseph Hayes Thompson.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 1, 1880	June 23, 1892	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
12	Philip Small Harris.....	St. Paul.....	July 1, 1880	June 23, 1892	Ancient Landmark.....	8	Minn.
13	Dwight Major Baldwin.....	Red Wing.....	April 29, 1870	June 23, 1892	Red Wing.....	79	Minn.
14	John H. LaVaquer.....	Duluth.....	Jan. 29, 1870	June 23, 1892	Palestine.....	79	Minn.
15	Walter Van Brunt.....	Duluth.....	Feb. 20, 1868	June 23, 1892	Palestine.....	79	Minn.
16	Daniel H. Moon.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 25, 1869	June 23, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
17	Richard Thomas Flournoy.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 16, 1870	June 23, 1892	Cleveland.....	21	Ill.
18	Oscar Mack Metcalf.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 24, 1868	June 23, 1892	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
19	Charles L. West.....	Austin.....	May 8, 1869	June 23, 1892	Fidelity.....	39	Minn.
20	Israel Barnard Baldwin Sprague.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 23, 1869	Dec. 3, 1892	Ancient Landmark.....	163	Minn.
21	Edward Corning.....	St. Paul.....	May 9, 1863	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
22	Henry Levi Williams.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 15, 1866	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.....	5	Minn.
23	John Wheeler Leavitt Corning.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 15, 1866	Dec. 3, 1892	Ancient Landmark.....	27	Minn.
24	Andrew C. Dunn.....	Winnebago City.....	July 16, 1861	Dec. 3, 1892	Blue Earth Valley.....	18	Minn.
25	Charles Eaton.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 28, 1864	Jan. 10, 1893	Winona.....	18	Minn.
26	Robert Laird McCormick.....	Hayward, Wis.....	Feb. 10, 1870	Jan. 10, 1893	Tuscan.....	77	Minn.
27	Benjamin Withereff Brunson.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 4, 1851	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
28	Russell Carlton Munger.....	St. Paul.....	April 3, 1869	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
29	George N. La Vaquer.....	Duluth.....	Feb. 3, 1871	Jan. 10, 1893	Ionic.....	186	Minn.
30	Alexander Schulz.....	Duluth.....	Feb. 3, 1871	Jan. 10, 1893	Palestine.....	79	Minn.
31	John Conrad Fischer.....	Duluth.....	April 6, 1859	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
32	William Bickel.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 19, 1859	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
33	William Henry Grant.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 20, 1858	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
34	James C. Morrison.....	St. Paul.....	May 5, 1865	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.

36	William Pitt Murray*	St. Paul	March 4, 1853	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
37	William Alonzo Van Slyke	St. Paul	March 9, 1866	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
38	Edwin Searle Beck	St. Paul	April 6, 1857	Jan. 10, 1893	Summit	163	Minn.
39	William Franklin Dickinson	Redwood Falls	Aug. 15, 1866	Jan. 10, 1893	Antiquity	91	Minn.
40	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul	Sept. 7, 1865	Jan. 10, 1893	Antiquity	54	Minn.
41	Edward Henry Milham	St. Paul	Feb. 17, 1870	Jan. 11, 1893	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
42	Daniel Shell	Worthington	Oct. 29, 1866	Jan. 11, 1893	Fraternity	101	Minn.
43	Isaac P. Durfee	St. Paul	April 18, 1871	Jan. 11, 1893	Fraternity	101	Minn.
44	Christopher H. Smith*	St. Paul	May 1, 1861	Jan. 11, 1893	St. Johns	1	Minn.
45	Edward W. Durant	Stillwater	Jan. 26, 1857	Jan. 11, 1893	Meridian	56	Minn.
46	Cyrus G. Holden	Chattfield	Feb. 6, 1863	Jan. 11, 1893	Clear Water	23	Minn.
47	William Tuttle Rigby	Clearwater	Nov. 1, 1849	Jan. 11, 1893	King Earth Valley	27	Minn.
48	Andrew Milne	Winnebago City	June 8, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	Blue Earth Valley	44	Minn.
49	Harrison G. Peck	Shakopee	Aug. 4, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	King Solomon	27	Minn.
50	William Solon Mellen*	St. Paul	Nov. 9, 1868	Jan. 11, 1893	Covenant	526	Ill.
51	John William Boxell	St. Paul	Feb. 1, 1853	Jan. 11, 1893	King Rule	65	Minn.
52	Peter Stainforth Macgowan	St. Paul	Dec. 23, 1867	Jan. 11, 1893	Winthrop	5	Mass.
53	William Fletcher Bailey	West Duluth	Nov. 12, 1861	Jan. 11, 1893	Ancient Landmark	45	Minn.
54	Abel Cox	Le Sueur	March 17, 1871	Jan. 11, 1893	Union	1	Minn.
55	Roscoe F. Hersey	St. Paul	Oct. 4, 1862	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Johns	66	Minn.
56	Jonathan Tibbets Furber	Madella	March 1, 1852	Jan. 12, 1893	Grand Meadow	121	Minn.
57	William Henry Bentley	Grand Meadow	Feb. 15, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	Murray	199	Minn.
58	John Henry Low	Slayton	Nov. 11, 1865	Jan. 12, 1893	Antiquity	91	Minn.
59	William E. Baker	Redwood Falls	May 10, 1868	Jan. 12, 1893	Corner Stone	99	Minn.
60	Alonzo Brandenburg	Fergus Falls	July 17, 1872	Jan. 12, 1893	Mount Moriah	35	Minn.
61	John Jay Rhodes	St. Paul	Dec. 17, 1866	Jan. 12, 1893	Catact	186	Minn.
62	Solon Armstrong	Minneapolis	April 16, 1866	Jan. 12, 1893	Ionic	98	Minn.
63	Sheidon Lord Frazer	Duluth	May 22, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Paul	76	Minn.
64	Orville Gilbert Miller*	St. Paul	Aug. 27, 1858	Jan. 12, 1893	Charity	137	Minn.
65	Charles Brust	New Ulm	Nov. 1, 1868	Jan. 12, 1893	Ancient Landmark	57	Minn.
66	John Niven	St. Paul	Oct. 14, 1859	Jan. 12, 1893	Iopha	76	Minn.
67	Lysander Cook	Good Thunder	Sept. 10, 1867	Jan. 12, 1893	Appleton	137	Minn.
68	Ambrose La Due	Mantorville	Jan. 30, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Paul	57	Minn.
69	Amrose D. Countryman	St. Paul	July 15, 1864	Jan. 12, 1893	Blue Earth City	57	Minn.
70	Chester Goss Higbee	St. Paul	July 15, 1864	Jan. 12, 1893	Libanus	96	Minn.
71	George D. McArthur	St. James	July 3, 1864	Jan. 12, 1893	Red Wing	88	Minn.
72	John M. Thornton	Red Wing	March 28, 1869	March 9, 1893	Zion	55	Minn.
73	William S. Dedon	Taylor's Falls	Sept. 18, 1870	March 9, 1893	St. Paul	113	Minn.
74	Robert Holgate	Lead S. D.	April 17, 1868	March 9, 1893	Excelsior	5	Minn.
75	Orrin C. Meaker	Excelsior	Feb. 5, 1862	March 9, 1893	Ancient Landmark	123	Minn.
76	Adam Finck	Duluth	April 5, 1869	March 9, 1893	Palestine	5	Minn.
77	John Richard Carey	Browns Valley	April 3, 1871	May 1, 1893	Kodahya	138	Minn.
78	John Savage Noble	St. Paul	Dec. 27, 1863	May 1, 1893	Truine	19	Minn.
79	Benjamin Ash Provoost	St. Paul	Aug. 27, 1863	May 1, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
80	Romaine Sheltre	St. Paul	Oct. 15, 1866	May 1, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.

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Certificate Number.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	PRESENT LODGE MEMBERSHIP.	
					Lodge.	No. State.
82	Ira Martin Swartz.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 16, 1867	May 1, 1893	Story.....	4 Utah.
83	Julius Henry Burwell.....	St. Paul.....	March 15, 1872	May 1, 1893	Summit.....	163 Minn.
84	Delos Abram Monfort.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 3, 1857	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5 Minn.
85	Archie Guthrie.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 29, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	St. Paul.....	3 Minn.
86	William Parker Jewett.....	St. Paul.....	March 1, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5 Minn.
87	John Winthrop Eddy.....	Morris.....	Dec. 2, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Golden Sheaf.....	133 Minn.
88	William F. Mowatt.....	Minneapolis.....	May 31, 1865	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin.....	4 Minn.
89	George Zeller.....	Minneapolis.....	Feb. 1, 1870	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin.....	4 Minn.
90	Aaron Pearson Cameron.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 24, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5 Minn.
91	Isaac Phillips Wright.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 1, 1850	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5 Minn.
92	Neville Staughtons.....	Winona.....	Feb. 18, 1860	Jan. 9, 1894	Winona.....	18 Minn.
93	Benjamin John Knapp.....	St. Paul.....	Oct. 4, 1870	Jan. 9, 1894	St. Paul.....	3 Minn.
94	Joseph Bergfeld.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 7, 1854	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5 Minn.
95	Isaac Bower.....	St. Paul.....	Nov. 11, 1869	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5 Minn.
96	George Hunsaker.....	St. Paul.....	May 18, 1871	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5 Minn.
97	Nathan Kingsley.....	Austin.....	July 16, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Meridian.....	56 Minn.
98	Robert S. Miles.....	Glencoe.....	July 20, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Hope.....	42 Minn.
99	Albert J. Snure.....	Hokah.....	May 5, 1868	Jan. 9, 1894	Hokah.....	17 Minn.
100	John Hutton.....	Windom.....	Jan. 15, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Prudence.....	97 Minn.
101	James Francis Testevin.....	St. Paul.....	May 24, 1869	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5 Minn.
102	George Adelbert Blair.....	Waterville.....	Oct. 2, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Sakatah.....	32 Minn.
103	Homer R. Wells.....	Preston.....	Feb. 21, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Preston.....	36 Minn.
104	Edward Phelps Barnum.....	St. Cloud.....	Feb. 27, 1857	Jan. 9, 1894	Star in the West.....	60 Minn.
105	Loren Warren Collins.....	St. Cloud.....	Feb. 4, 1861	Jan. 11, 1894	North Star.....	23 Minn.
106	Clark Keyser.....	Mankato.....	Jan. 17, 1863	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the East.....	33 Minn.
107	Charles W. Burdic.....	St. Paul.....	May 19, 1869	Jan. 11, 1894	Mankato.....	12 Minn.
108	William T. Rich.....	Pipestone.....	March 14, 1870	Jan. 11, 1894	Midway.....	185 Minn.
109	Charles C. Goodnow.....	Pipestone.....	Feb. 2, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Quarry.....	148 Minn.
110	Edwin De Esten Brown.....	St. Paul.....	Nov. 2, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Summit.....	163 Minn.
111	W. Milton Self.....	La Crescent.....	Dec. 28, 1869	Jan. 11, 1894	Morning Star.....	29 Minn.
112	Robert Bruce Langdon.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 10, 1860	Feb. 10, 1894	Khurum.....	112 Minn.
113	Thomas Minshall.....	La Crescent.....	Jan. 7, 1860	Feb. 10, 1894	Morning Star.....	29 Minn.
114	George Russell Babbitt.....	Osakis.....	June 27, 1866	April 13, 1894	Osakis.....	180 Minn.
115	Charles Frederick Mahler.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 10, 1859	April 13, 1894	Summit.....	163 Minn.

117	George William Seymour	Taylor Falls	Jan. 7, 1863	April 13, 1894	Zion	55	Minn.
118	William Parker Brown	Minneapolis	Dec. 9, 1857	April 13, 1894	Red Wing	58	Minn.
119	Eben Lovering	St. Paul	July 18, 1865	April 13, 1894	Carroll	57	N. H.
120	John H. Sutherland	Detroit	May 4, 1857	June 4, 1894	Mount Tabor	106	Minn.
121	Andrew Peter Swanson	St. Paul	Nov. 6, 1873	Jan. 3, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Ohio
122	Watson Eugene Bonfoey	St. Paul	April 16, 1870	Jan. 3, 1895	Walnut Hills	483	Minn.
123	William Cox	Graceville	Jan. 7, 1868	Jan. 3, 1895	Friendship	212	Minn.
124	Joseph Eugene McWilliams	St. Paul	June 13, 1867	Jan. 3, 1895	Summit	163	Minn.
125	Robert Armstrong Smith	St. Paul	Dec. 12, 1866	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	44	Minn.
126	Isaac Lincoln	St. Paul	March 25, 1872	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon	4	Minn.
127	Frederick Richter	St. Paul	Jan. 30, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	133	Minn.
128	John House	Morris	April 28, 1866	Jan. 15, 1895	Golden Sheaf	380	N. Y.
129	Jonathan D. Sprague	Morris	Dec. 3, 1873	Jan. 15, 1895	Murray	5	Minn.
130	Lathrop E. Reed	St. Paul	April 2, 1857	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
131	Alexander Donald	St. Paul	March 18, 1868	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	3	Minn.
132	Edward Seymour Baldwin	St. Paul	April 1, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	St. Paul	5	Minn.
133	Oscar Fitzallen Bardwell	White Bear	Feb. 9, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Garnet	166	Minn.
134	John Fairfield Stone	Pine City	Jan. 8, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	Jasper	142	Minn.
135	Neil Currie	Currie	Dec. 16, 1864	Jan. 15, 1895	Currie	164	Minn.
136	John Robert Storr	St. Paul	Oct. 13, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
137	Levi T. Lyon	Hokah	May 21, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Hokah	17	Minn.
138	Benjamin Franklin Thurber	Worthington	March 16, 1872	Jan. 15, 1895	Fraternity	101	Minn.
139	Clarence Adelbert Hubbard	Lake City	Jan. 8, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Carnelian	40	Minn.
140	Irving Todd	Hastings	Jan. 73, 1864	Jan. 16, 1895	Dakota	7	Minn.
141	William L. Humason	Stewartville	Oct. 7, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Stewartville	203	Minn.
142	Henry M. Tusler	St. Paul	April 29, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Summit	163	Minn.
143	William Harwood Carter	Browns Valley	June 11, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Kodahva	131	Minn.
144	John Sutherland	Chaska	Dec. 29, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Chaska	151	Minn.
145	Thomas Chase Shapleigh	Ha'pock	Sept. 7, 1853	Jan. 16, 1895	Hallock	212	Minn.
146	Francis Cadwell	Le Sueur	March 9, 1867	Jan. 16, 1895	Union	45	Minn.
147	Jared Gage Wheeler	Kasson	Jan. 9, 1868	Jan. 16, 1895	Hiram Abi	83	Minn.
148	Henry Orme	St. Paul	April 11, 1867	Jan. 16, 1895	Summit	163	Minn.
149	Charles Henry Mix	Crookston	Feb. 12, 1857	Mch. 30, 1893	Ancient Landmark	209	Minn.
150	Alfred S. Dimond	Winthrop	Mch. 20, 1864	Mch. 30, 1893	Sibley	141	Minn.
151	James Henry Thomas	Crookston	Aug. 9, 1873	Mch. 30, 1893	Crookston	8	Minn.
152	James Cotter Hawes	Red Wing	May 1, 1866	Aug. 19, 1893	Red Wing	100	Minn.
153	George Forsyth	Brainerd	Sept. 15, 1864	Oct. 28, 1893	Aurora	197	Minn.
154	John Taylor Frater	Brainerd	May 15, 1872	Dec. 28, 1893	Vermilion	36	N. J.
155	Elisha Morcom	Tower	Dec. 15, 1868	Dec. 28, 1893	Red Wing	100	Minn.
156	Andrew Allen	St. Paul	May 7, 1869	Dec. 28, 1893	St. Paul	197	Minn.
157	William Cole Ashton	Port Snelling	April 1, 1868	Dec. 28, 1893	Mansfield	3	N. J.
158	James Madison Johnston Sanno	Brainerd	Mch. 3, 1864	Jan. 14, 1896	Aurora	100	Minn.
159	George Albert Keene	Brainerd	June 24, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Delta	119	Minn.
160	Silas N. Harrington	Marshall	Oct. 26, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Eau Claire	112	Wis.
161	John Dudley Condit	St. Paul	Sept. 7, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896			

ROSTER OF MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA—Continued.

Certificate Number.	NAME.	RESIDENCE. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	PRESENT LODGE MEMBERSHIP.		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
162	Max Frankel.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 4, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
163	Thomas Jefferson Lombard*.....	Hudson, Wis.....	Dec. 10, 1891	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon.....	44	Minn.
164	John F. Hunniston.....	Heron Lake.....	April 22, 1867	Jan. 14, 1895	Columbia.....	210	Minn.
165	Daniel Watson Pond.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 1, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
166	David Hanna.....	White Bear Lake.....	Mch. 3, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Garnet.....	166	Minn.
167	William J. Munro.....	Morris.....	Oct. 14, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
168	Jos. Merritt Underwood.....	Lake City.....	Mch. 7, 1878	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian.....	40	Minn.
169	John W. Kennedy.....	Lake City.....	Jan. 21, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian.....	40	Minn.
170	Samuel R. Van Sant.....	Winona.....	Mch. 29, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Winona.....	18	Minn.
171	William C. Williston.....	Red Wing.....	Sept. 6, 1861	Jan. 14, 1896	Red Wing.....	8	Minn.
172	Henry Hinkens.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 20, 1862	Jan. 15, 1896	St. Paul.....	108	Minn.
173	George W. Ballard.....	Dodge Center.....	Nov. 1, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Relief.....	81	Minn.
174	Francis B. Hubbard.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 4, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Huron, Abi.....	81	Minn.
175	August E. Anderson.....	Kasson.....	July 22, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Good Faith.....	28	Minn.
176	Alexander Fiddes.....	Jackson.....	June 28, 1865	Jan. 15, 1896	Clear Water.....	28	Minn.
177	James Jenks.....	St. Cloud.....	Feb. 28, 1882	Jan. 15, 1896	Blue Earth City.....	57	Minn.
178	Henry P. Constans.....	Blue Earth City.....	Aug. 8, 1881	Jan. 15, 1896	Minnehaha.....	165	Minn.
179	Thomas Cox.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 5, 1872	Jan. 15, 1896	Meridian Landmark.....	56	Minn.
180	William Stafford.....	Chaffield.....	Dec. 31, 1863	Jan. 15, 1896	Ancient Landmark.....	63	Minn.
181	Hugh E. Grant.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 10, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	Faribault.....	9	Minn.
182	Augustus Smith.....	Plainview.....	Dec. 28, 1860	Jan. 15, 1896	Faribault.....	9	Minn.
183	Walter Birch.....	Faribault.....	Oct. 21, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Huron Abi.....	83	Minn.
184	Peter J. Schwarg.....	Marionville.....	June 5, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Anoka.....	30	Minn.
185	Oscar L. Cutter.....	Anoka.....	Sept. 30, 1871	Jan. 15, 1896	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
186	Alex. Newell Hayes.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 25, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Cataract.....	2	Minn.
187	Robert Forbes.....	Duluth.....	Dec. 10, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	North Star.....	23	Minn.
188	John Charles Munro.....	St. Cloud.....	Oct. 22, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	Harver.....	11	Minn.
189	Henry Rockwood Denny*.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 8, 1863	Jan. 16, 1896	Harver.....	82	Minn.
190	William Lossing.....	Howard Lake.....	Oct. 20, 1872	Jan. 16, 1896	Accident Landmark.....	5	Minn.
191	Alonzo James Burningham.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 23, 1875	Sept. 23, 1896	Madella.....	66	Minn.
192	Bowne Gershom Yates.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 15, 1866	Sept. 23, 1896	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
193	Francis Marion Hesler.....	Morris.....	Aug. 7, 1866	Dec. 31, 1896	Cataract.....	2	Minn.
194	Owen Thomas Sweet.....	Minneapolis.....	Feb. 21, 1859	Dec. 31, 1896	Quarry.....	148	Minn.
195	Isaac Leggett Hart.....	Pipestone.....	Nov. 2, 1871	Dec. 31, 1896			

196	James Martin Paine.....	Carlton	Apr. 15, 1864	Dec. 31, 1896	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
197	Thomas Henry Sherry.....	St. Paul	Dec. 17, 1866	Dec. 31, 1896	Capital City.....	217	Minn.
198	James William Busby.....	St. Paul	Nov. 20, 1873	Dec. 31, 1896	Capital City.....	217	Minn.
199	Frederick William Dohm.....	St. Paul	Dec. 12, 1872	Dec. 31, 1896	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Neb.
200	Edgar Swartwood Dudley.....	St. Paul	Aug. 20, 1868	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
201	George Washington Carpenter.....	Minneapolis	Oct. 17, 1862	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
202	Daniel Douglas.....	Minneapolis	Nov. 23, 1874	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
203	Charles Edward Kent.....	Minneapolis	Aug. 19, 1873	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
204	George Benton Arnold.....	Kasson	Nov. 19, 1870	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
205	Napoleon Bonaparte Chase.....	Minneapolis	Nov. 19, 1870	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
206	Andrew Eliotte Veon.....	Brainerd	Dec. 4, 1866	Jan. 12, 1897	Hennepin.....	4	Minn.
207	John Fairfield Perry.....	Brainerd	Sept. 18, 1867	Jan. 12, 1897	Hennepin.....	4	Minn.
208	Dolphus Goff Linsley.....	Minneapolis	Feb. 27, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Hennepin.....	4	Minn.
209	Chas. Roderick Judson Kellam.....	Morris	Apr. 27, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Hennepin.....	4	Minn.
210	John Carl Terry.....	Heron Lake	Mar. 19, 1872	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora.....	100	Minn.
211	John Park Lester.....	St. Paul	June 21, 1865	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora.....	100	Minn.
212	Jerry Everett Getman.....	St. Paul	Sept. 28, 1854	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora.....	100	Minn.
213	Hugh McMurtie.....	Canby	May 30, 1865	Jan. 12, 1897	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
214	Moses Philpot Hayes.....	Mankato	May 25, 1872	Jan. 12, 1897	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
215	George Hugh Munro.....	Minneapolis	Apr. 17, 1872	Jan. 12, 1897	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
216	William Edwin Burton.....	Minneapolis	Sept. 25, 1869	Jan. 12, 1897	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
217	Rutillus Britt Basford.....	Minneapolis	Apr. 2, 1862	Jan. 12, 1897	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
218	Phineas Sylvester Rudolph.....	Farmington	June 4, 1875	Jan. 12, 1897	Canby.....	147	Minn.
219	Edwin Joseph Hodges.....	Morris	June 4, 1875	Jan. 12, 1897	Canby.....	147	Minn.
220	Lauchlin Joseph Hart.....	St. Paul	July 22, 1875	Jan. 12, 1897	Canby.....	147	Minn.
221	Leroy George Basford.....	Winona	Jan. 25, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
222	Alexander Adams.....	Winona	Jan. 25, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
223	Wm. Dalton Cornish.....	Minneapolis	Dec. 2, 1875	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
224	Calvin Luther Brown.....	St. Paul	July 25, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
225	Henry Pratt Padden.....	St. Paul	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
226	Newton McFadden.....	St. Paul	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
227	Geo. W. Moe.....	St. Paul	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
228	Henry H. Fuller.....	St. Paul	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
229	Charles John Kruger.....	St. Paul	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
230	Joseph Ormond Patten.....	St. Paul	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
231	Isaac A. Grant.....	St. Paul	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
232	Simeon P. Child.....	St. Paul	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
233	William H. Burns.....	St. Paul	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
234	Oliver H. Phillips.....	St. Paul	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
235	Henry Albert Young.....	Dodge Center	July 14, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
236	Jacob Flegler.....	St. Paul	Sept. 24, 1875	Jan. 12, 1897	Relief.....	108	Minn.
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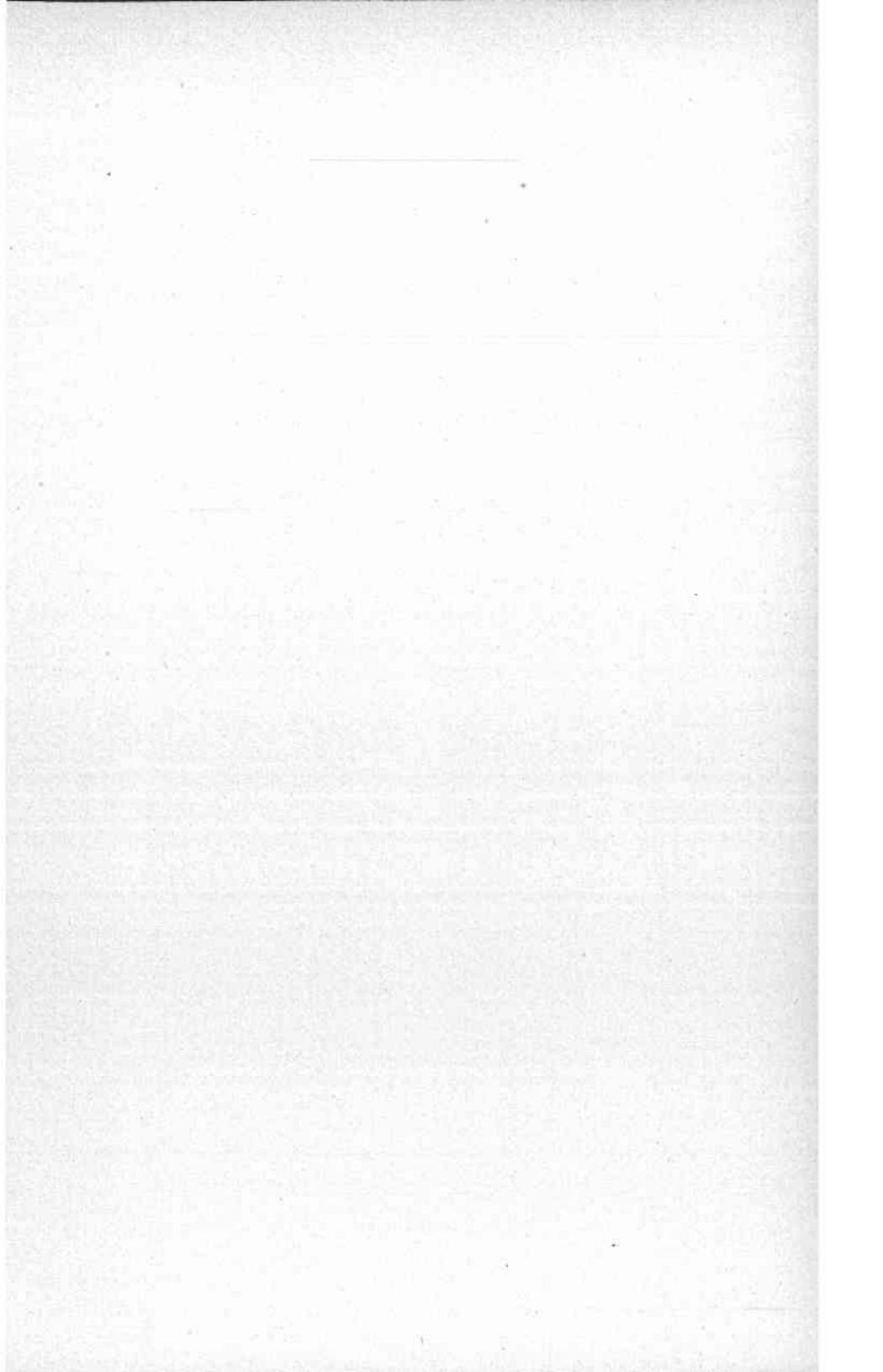
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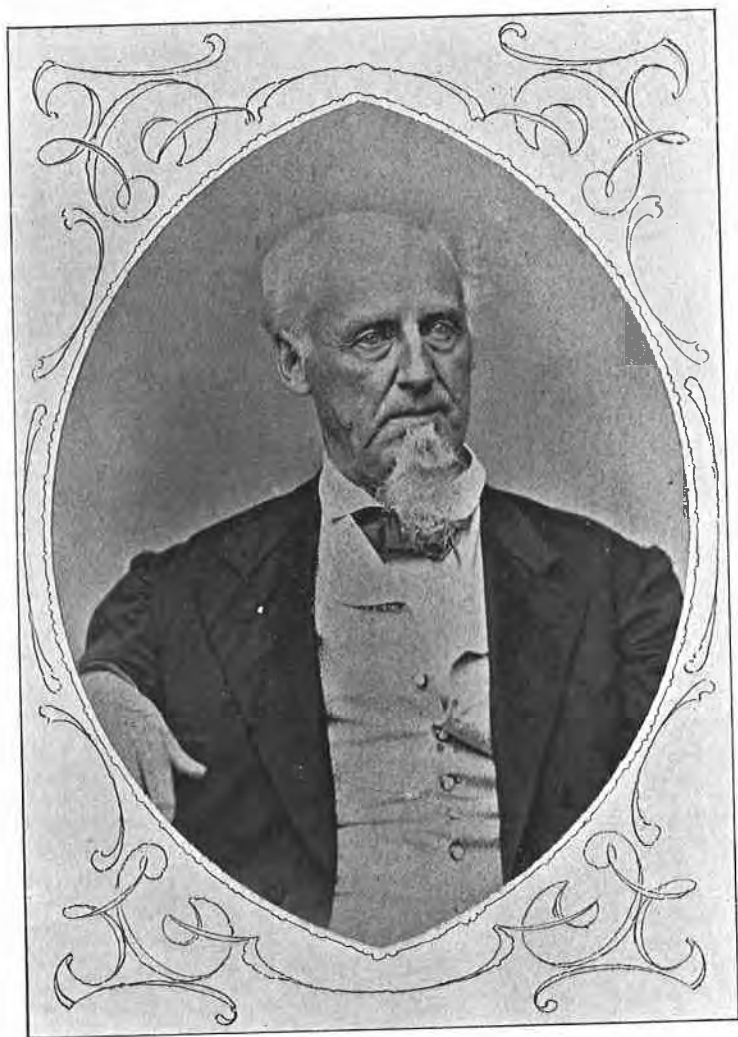
Certificate Number.	NAME.	RESIDENCE. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	PRESENT LODGE MEMBERSHIP.		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
242	Calvin Sitter Uline.....	St. Paul.....	June 8, 1870.....	Jan. 11, 1893.....	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
243	John Conrad Nelson.....	Clearwater.....	Mch. 11, 1865.....	Jan. 11, 1898.....	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
244	Thomas Camp Porter.....	Faribault.....	May 5, 1876.....	Jan. 11, 1893.....	Faribault.....	28	Minn.
245	Harry Edward Whitney.....	Le Sueur.....	June 2, 1865.....	Jan. 11, 1898.....	Union.....	9	Minn.
246	Livingston Quackenbush.....	Brainerd.....	Nov. 5, 1875.....	Jan. 11, 1893.....	Aurora.....	45	Minn.
247	James Dewar.....	St. Paul.....	Nov. 17, 1875.....	Jan. 11, 1898.....	Capital City.....	100	Minn.
248	Samuel Edward Leonard.....	Minneapolis.....	Feb. 25, 1863.....	Jan. 11, 1893.....	Hennepin.....	217	Minn.
249	George A. Brown.....	St. Paul.....	April 4, 1874.....	Jan. 11, 1898.....	Ancient Landmark.....	4	Minn.
250	Levi H. Brown.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 31, 1858.....	Jan. 11, 1893.....	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
251	Joseph A. Pierson.....	St. Paul.....	May 5, 1876.....	Jan. 11, 1898.....	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
252	James Whitte.....	Wood Lake.....	Oct. 6, 1865.....	Jan. 11, 1893.....	Florence.....	216	Minn.
253	Wm. Fletcher Martin.....	Wheaton.....	Dec. 26, 1876.....	Jan. 11, 1898.....	Traverse.....	189	Minn.
254	George E. Jackson.....	St. Paul.....	July 14, 1876.....	Jan. 11, 1893.....	Rock Island.....	68	Ill.
255	John Kuyte Warner.....	Blue Earth City.....	Sept. 19, 1874.....	Jan. 12, 1893.....	Blue Earth City.....	57	Minn.
256	John Harry Sprout.....	Cheney.....	June 28, 1865.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Appleton.....	137	Minn.
257	Bradley P. Cheney.....	St. Cloud.....	May 5, 1876.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	North Star.....	23	Minn.
258	George Stacy Spencer.....	Windom.....	May 11, 1876.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Prudence.....	97	Minn.
259	George M. Laing.....	Morris.....	May 13, 1868.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
260	John Dennis Good.....	Minneapolis.....	Oct. 18, 1876.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
261	Leonard Paulie.....	Minneapolis.....	Aug. 31, 1876.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
262	Griffith R. Samuel.....	Albion.....	Nov. 27, 1874.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Orion.....	138	Minn.
263	Erl A. D. Salter.....	Albion.....	Jan. 31, 1859.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Rochester.....	21	Minn.
264	Albert D. Vedder.....	Mora.....	Sept. 17, 1874.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Sunset.....	109	Minn.
265	Jacob C. Cox.....	Minneapolis.....	Mch. 26, 1870.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Hennepin.....	4	Minn.
266	William Henry Jacoby.....	Perkasie Falls.....	Sept. 20, 1873.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Corner Stone.....	99	Minn.
267	James Allen McConkey.....	Money Creek.....	Jan. 4, 1873.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Orient.....	84	Minn.
268	Taylor Robinson.....	Carver.....	March 4, 1873.....	Jan. 12, 1898.....	Carver.....	111	Minn.
269	John S. Nelson.....	St. Paul.....	May 15, 1856.....	Jan. 11, 1894.....	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
270	Charles Griswold**.....	St. Paul.....					

* Deceased.

** Transferred from honorary list.

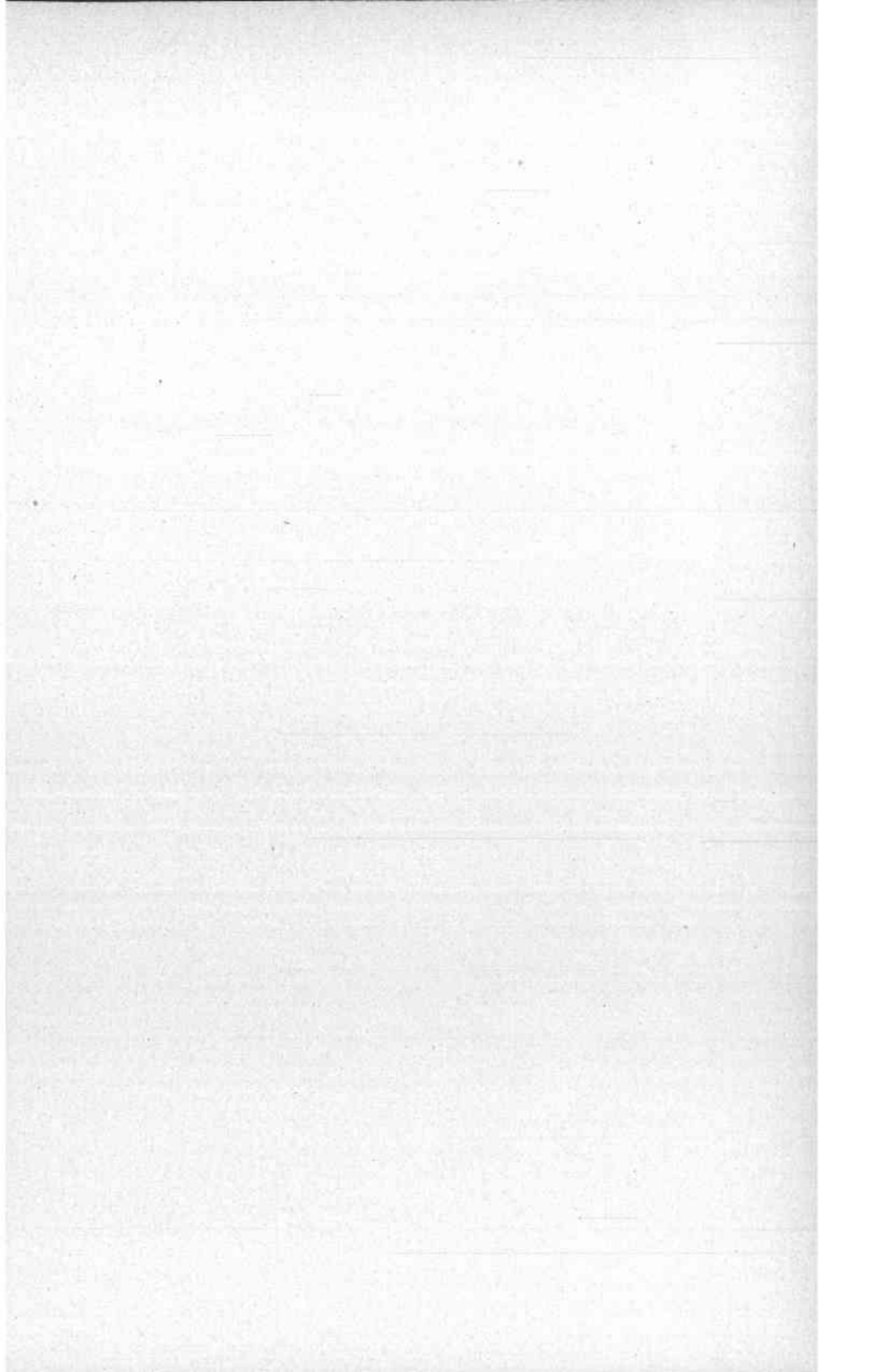
Three other brethren were elected to membership, whose names do not appear, as an examination of the Grand Lodge records show they are not eligible until after March 19, 1898, at which time their diplomas will be forwarded.





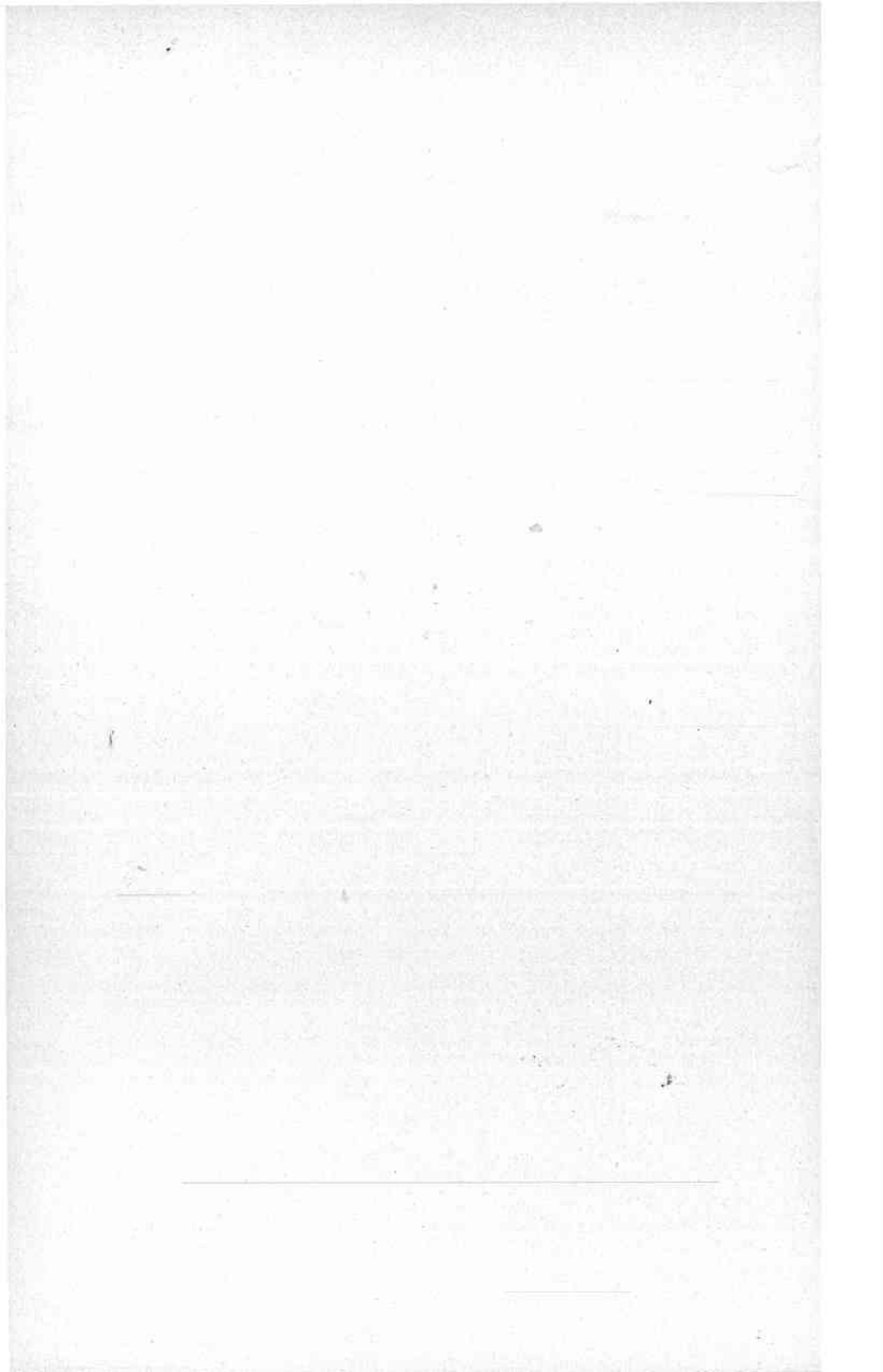
Andrew G. Chatfield.

First Worshipful Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, St. Paul, Minn.





Building, No. 198 West Third St., St. Paul. First Lodge Room of Ancient Landmark, No. 5, was on upper floor.





C. J. Stearns

The last survivor of the Founders of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1853. Born in Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 9, 1807. Raised a Master Mason, April 3, 1832, in Cataract Lodge U. A. D. of Illinois; now No. 2 of Minnesota. He resides at New Orleans, Louisiana. This portrait was taken at the age of 67.

